Section 117(5)(a) of the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021

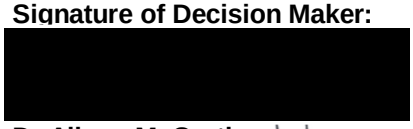
Screening of Maritime Usage Licence application, in accordance with Section 117(5)(a), to determine whether Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is required, having regard to Schedules 5 and 7 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended.

Maritime Usage Licence Application Number:	LIC230013MA
Date of Application:	09/09/2026
Name of Applicant:	Port of Waterford Company, Third Floor, Marine Point, Belview Port, Slieverue, Waterford, X91W.
Type(s) of maritime usage activity in accordance with Schedule 7 of the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021:	3. Marine environmental surveys for the purposes of site investigation or in support of an application under Part XXI of the Act of 2000.
Brief Description of Proposed Maritime Usage:	Material Amendment application to amend a condition in Maritime Usage Licence (LIC230013) for geotechnical site investigations, via the removal of one condition relating to a seasonal restriction for commercial fish stocks.

Part A - Consideration of Schedule 5 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended

Question 1: Is the proposed maritime usage a project of a type listed in Schedule 5 Part 1, of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended?	
☐ **Yes**	EIA is required. Application should be returned to applicant in accordance with Section 117(5)(b) of Maritime Area Planning Act 2021.
☒ **No**	proceed to Question 2.
Question 2: Is the proposed maritime usage a project of a type listed in Schedule 5 Part 2, of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended and does it meet/exceed the referenced thresholds?	
☐ **Yes**	EIA is required. Application should be returned to applicant in accordance with Section 117(5)(b) of Maritime Area Planning Act 2021.
☐ **No**	Usage is listed in Schedule 5 Part 2 but is sub-threshold. Proceed to Part B.
☒ **No**	Usage is not listed in Schedule 5 Part 2. No requirement to proceed to Part B. Proceed to EIA Consideration Conclusion.

EIA Screening Conclusion

It is concluded that, having had regard to Schedule 5 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended, in the context of the above referenced maritime usage licence application, that the proposed maritime usage does not fall within any of the project categories listed in Schedule 5 and therefore does not require an EIA or further EIA Screening consideration under Schedule 7.	
Signature of Recommending Marine Advisor:  **Maria O Connell** **Marine Analyst**	Date: 13 October 2026
Signature of Decision Maker:  **Dr Alison McCarthy** **Senior Marine Advisor**	Date: 16 October 2026

Part B Consideration of Schedule 7 to the Planning & Development Regulations 2001, as amended.

Characteristics, location and the types & characteristics of the potential impacts of the proposed maritime usage comprising a project:

Not applicable