MI Observations on MUL260011 – Offshore survey and cargo salvage at the RMS Laconia wreck site

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Request

MARA has requested, by the 25th of September, MI's views on how this application may impact the seafood sector.

Response

Fisheries Ecosystems Advisory Services (FEAS) notes that the applicant has considered the impacts of the proposed works on a number of fish stocks and fisheries. While vessel and survey noise will be above background levels locally any effects are expected to be temporary and spatially limited. Any impact related to disturbance of fishing activities will be minimal.

FEAS agrees with the application documents that the salvage works won't impact any fish stocks, fisheries, or aquaculture sites. As the MUL relates to a salvage operation on a wreck it is anticipated there would be no impact on fishing activities or surveys in the area. Neither would there be any lasting impact on fish stocks.