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Dumping At Sea Application - Arklow Harbour - Arklow Harbour Commissioners.

Dear Ms. O'Brien,

The Board have reviewed the dumping at sea permit for Arklow Harbour. We note the baseline ecological and physico-chemical sampling at both dump sites and ask if this monitoring will be repeated after dumping of the dredged material has been completed to assess the effects of this dumping at sea proposal.

We refer you to the Dept. of Communications, Marine and Nat. Resources and Marine Institute Publication, "Guidelines for the Assessment of Dredge Material for Disposal in Irish Waters".

The Board have no objection to the above application provided the Dept. is satisfied that:

- 1) There is no other viable means of dredge disposal.
- 2) Dumping is not carried out in an area where the dumped material is liable to be dispersed into an S.A.C. area.
- 3) Monitoring of the long-term for effects on marine ecosystems from this Dumping at Sea proposal is undertaken.

Yours faithfully

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Pat Doherty Chief Executive Officer.



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