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Re: Reg. No. S0004-01 Dublin Port Company Dumping at Sea Permit

Dear Dr. Higgins,

Thank you for your letter of 14th October re above.

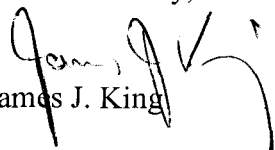
I have reviewed the relevant issues with my colleague Mr Brian Beckett of IFI Blackrock (formerly Eastern Regional Fisheries Board). We are agreed that no specific windows need be applied in respect of dumping activities and passage of fish, in this case.

We are agreed, however, that other elements should be considered in respect to any licences issued. These cover:

- ❖ Dublin Port Company to compile a dataset on suspended solids levels within Dublin Port, both background or 'natural' levels and those generated during, and in the vicinity of, any dredging process. The intention would be to compile a profile of suspended levels in a range of 'natural' and 'unnatural' conditions with a view to understanding what and if role elevated suspended levels may have on the biota of the port area. The Port Company may already have some of this material to hand in previous studies etc. This measure would, in a sense, be a mitigation and may allay concerns about impact of dredging works on suspended solids in a very 'fluctuating' environment, as found in estuaries
- ❖ The works programme should be undertaken so as not to have any adverse medium/long-term impact on the aquatic environment

I am assuming that there is a separation of function between the actual dredging process, a Foreshore issue, and the dumping at sea process, an EPA-licensing issue.

Yours sincerely,


James J. King