



Black Berry Glade,  
ARRPaw,  
Co Wicklow,

To whom it may concern, 10<sup>th</sup> November 2011

Dear Sir or Madam,

I wish to object to the ARRPaw Harbour Commissioners application for an Amended Permit to dump contaminated material in the sea one kilometre north of the Lar Carr mouth.

In their latest request on submission they state the material to be dumped is slightly contaminated. But according to a report from (TARA Higgins) Environmental Agency Dept

Dated 20<sup>th</sup> March 2011, it contains a lot more.

In that report it was stated the nearest Bathing area was Cloggan Beach & this is wrong the whole area south of

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the Rancho mouth is used for swimming as far as Playa Beach and Mouth to Baitas Bay,

Regarding no shellfishing in this dumping area the Rancho boats have been fishing for whelk, for 15 years or more. In the Rancho

latest submission the P.T. is to be 1.30 Metres deep if this is so, how can it be covered by 1 Mtr of silt + .5 Mtr of sand which is advised. The original P.T. was to be 10.2 Mtr deep.

It is my opinion as one who has lived in Rancho all my life and been at sea, they need to come up with some other system to dredge and another Area to DUMP.

Yours faithfully

James Mc. R.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**DUMPING AT SEA ACTS 1996 TO 2010**  
**APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY ARKLOW HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS FOR AN**  
**AMENDMENT OF DUMPING AT SEA PERMIT**  
**REG. NO. S0002-01**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Arklow Harbour Commissioners has submitted an application to the Environmental Protection Agency for an amendment under Section 6 of the Dumping at Sea Acts 1996 to 2010. The existing permit is for dumping at sea of dredged material up to a maximum quantity of 60,000 tonnes. The material consists of sand, gravel, clay and silt. It is moderately contaminated with zinc, copper and to a lesser extent lead. This is historical contamination arising from the Avoca Copper Mines. Ongoing leaching from the mines contaminates the turning basin, turning basin and dock. The material will be dredged using a backhoe dredger, the disposal pit will be dredged using a trailer suction dredger.

The dredged material will be lowered into split hopper barges and transported to the disposal site where it will be discharged into a pit. On completion of dumping operations the pit will be capped with clean sand.

The locations of the areas to be dredged are as follows:

- The Turning Basin
- The River Channel
- The Harbour Entrance
- The Dock

The location of the dumping site is as follows:

Latitude	Longitude
52°48.18'N	06°7.86'W
52°48.18'N	06°7.33'W
52°48.10'N	06°7.33'W
52°48.10'N	06°7.86'W

The disposal site is in close proximity to the Port in an area that has previously been identified of low benthic quality

due to natural background contaminants from the Avoca River Catchment. The disposal pit is approximately one kilometre north of the harbour mouth.

It is proposed that dredging will commence in April 2012 and continue for a period not exceeding six months.

The requested amendment is limited to the disposal pit. It is proposed that the depth of the pit be reduced to 1.3 metres and the size of the pit be increased to 150 metres by 150 metres as it is not possible to dredge the strata below 1.3 metres. This is within the area covered by the existing permit.

Any person wishing to make a submission or observations, in respect of the amendment application should do so in writing to the Environmental Licensing Programme, Office of Climate, Licensing & Resource Use, Environmental Protection Agency, PO Box 3000, Johnstown Castle Estate, County Wexford within 21 days of the publication of this notice. Persons making a submission or submitting observations, in respect of this amendment application are advised that their comments will be forwarded to the applicant for comment and will be published on the Agency's website [www.epa.ie](http://www.epa.ie).

Arklow Harbour Commissioners,  
 Harbour Office, South Quay,  
 Arklow, Co. Wicklow