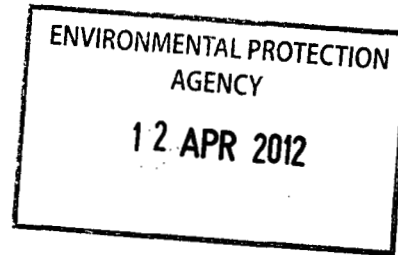




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Dumping At Sea Permit Application for dredge material from Wicklow Harbour
- Wicklow Port Company.

Dear Ms. Kennedy,

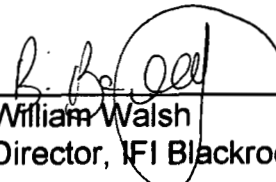
In relation to your recent correspondence regarding this matter, we have the following observations to make:

Proposed operations must not be deleterious to aquatic species / habitats in any way and should in no way impact negatively on the fisheries resource. We recommend that all works are undertaken in accordance with the Dept. of Communications, Marine and Nat. Resources and Marine Institute Publication, "*Guidelines for the Assessment of Dredge Material for Disposal in Irish Waters*". An assessment / monitoring programme of environmental impact at the dumping site would be prudent if multiple dumping permits have been granted or are being considered in this area.

IFI Blackrock has no objection to the above application provided the EPA 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.

Yours faithfully,



William Walsh
Director, IFI Blackrock.