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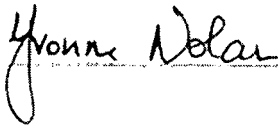
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Sent: 16 July 2012 17:06
To: Tara Higgins
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Dear Tara,

In response to your email of 26th June 2012, requesting comments from the Department on Dumping at Sea Permit application S0009-02, particularly on aspects such as underwater archaeology and marine ecology, please find attached the observations of the Department with regard to these aspects.

Please contact me if I can be of any further assistance.

Kind regards,



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16th July 2012

Your Ref: S0009-02
Our Ref: DAU-2012-LI-LI-E00038/2012

Environmental Licensing Programme,
Environmental Protection Agency,
P.O. Box 3000,
Johnstown Castle Estate,
Co. Wexford

Re: Dumping at sea permit application S0009-02 by Shannon Foynes Port Company

A Chara,

I refer to the above-proposed development application. Please find hereunder the marine ecological and underwater archaeological recommendations of the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht for consideration by your Authority.

Marine Scientific Unit Recommendations

The Department suggests that the following conditions be attached by the Competent Authority to the consent:

- An independent Marine Mammal Observer, with relevant expertise, shall accompany the dredge / dump vessel(s) to monitor and record the activity of dolphins during the duration of the works to which this permit relates. All dredging/ dumping activity shall be suspended if dolphin activity occurs within a distance of 2.5km (approx. 1.5 nautical miles). A report of the monitoring to which this condition refers shall be forwarded to offshore@ahg.gov.ie
- No dredging or dumping operations shall take place between 1st March and 30th June of each year covered by this permit.

Underwater Archaeology Unit

Having reviewed the application, the following are the recommendations of the Underwater Unit.

- The proposed dredging and dumping can proceed for Limerick Docks and Foynes Harbour berths and channel.
- Should material of archaeological potential be recovered during the course of the dredgings, the Underwater Unit should be informed immediately.

- The fishtrap complex at O'Brien's Point, discovered in 1998 and assessed in 2008 with the recommendation that it be reassessed in 2012, should therefore be archaeologically reassessed in advance of any dumping taking place.
- The reassessment of the fish trap complex shall be carried out by a suitably qualified archaeologist and shall be licenced to this Department. The licence application to be made to the Licensing Section, National Monuments Service, Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, and shall be accompanied by a method statement.

Kindly forward any further information received; or in the event of a decision being made a copy of same should be forwarded to the following address as soon as it issues:

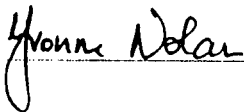
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Alternatively, documentation associated with the above can be referred electronically to the DAU at the following address:

manager.dau@ahg.gov.ie

In addition, please acknowledge receipt of these observations by return.

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