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Subject: EPA - S0015-02 Dumping at Sea Permit application

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Subject: FW: EPA - S0015-02 Dumping at Sea Permit application

Tara,

Please see the comments below regarding the DaS query from the Howth office.

Regards

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Gents,

After reviewing the recent application by DHPC and notwithstanding the fact that two dump sites are situated within a designated area for shellfish (morningson / gormanstown razors), it is unlikely that the deposition of sediment will have any adverse affects on the resident population of razors.

However if possible, it is preferable that all sediment is deposited on the outer location as indicated on the map contained within the application.

As you maybe aware, an MLVC meeting scheduled for the 13-14th September will be examining the application and the outcome will will have precedence over the dumping licence as the minister must first allow for a foreshore permit to be granted.

Should any conditions be attached to the foreshore permit that may conflict with the sfpa comments (preference for offshore dump site to be used) them I will update you accordingly.

I will be suggesting that the offshore site be chosen for the dumping of sediment from the river and if agreeable you can suggest same?

The river section is no longer classified for harvesting of mussels so this is not officially a concern for sfpa. There maybe objections to the routine dredging by DHPC from the environmental pillar as the areas is subject to SAC protection and a proposed Natura designation and the historic value of the mussels in the river.

It is interesting to note that the river boyne mussels are renowned for fastest growth and highest meat yield in the country! The green crabs must love it there!

Regards

Declan

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