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From:
Sent: 26 August 2015 23:32
To: Licensing Staff
Subject: Submission Re: DAS application by Dublin Port Company

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I write to you to express my concern and opposition at the recent proposal of Dublin Port to undertake a dredging project that will see 9.7 million tonnes of dredge waste into Dublin Bay.

This action could have catastrophic consequences on the wildlife around Dublin bay. The dumping of potential toxic materials could kill a huge amount of fish and sealife. The proposed amount of sand and silt will also restrict the light and therefore the growth of vegetation and as a consequence the fish and wildlife will be put at risk.

Also I believe any sand etc removed by Dublin bay will very quickly be brought back into the bay with the tide. Possibly clogging up the Bull Island and almost certainly requiring the port to have to be dredged on a regular basis.

Recognising the need of Dublin Port to be able to facilitate more shipping, I would recommend looking at DunLaoghaire harbour as an alternative as it is very under used at present.

If the dredging does go ahead, I would request that best practice for sea dumping is used. ie dumping much further out to sea than the current plan is, having a mammal watch on board, ideally a sonar device, only dumping within the hours of daylight and not when the wind is stronger than a force 4. Also I would request that the possibility of relocating the dredged material to a place where reclaimed land would be a benefit to the public. Ensuring that it is not toxic first off course.

Yours sincerely,

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