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Sent: 29 August 2015 13:59
To: Wexford Receptionist
Subject: Submission Re: DAS application by Dublin Port Company

I am writing to you to strongly object to the proposal of Dublin Port to undertake a dredging project that will see 9.7 million tonnes of dredge waste dumped into Dublin Bay.

As a regular diver and swimmer in Dublin Bay I am extremely concerned for the consequences that dumping all that dredge waste will have on the marine life of Dublin bay and on the visibility.

It must be remembered that a tremendous decrease in visibility by itself, such as the one that will follow the dumping of 10 million tonnes of dredge material, will reduce significantly the penetration of light in the water, causing damage and death to a wide range of marine creatures.

When we also take into account that the dumped material will most likely contain large quantities of dangerous and poisonous chemicals, it is very easy to understand what a deadly effect this operation will have on all marine life of the Bay. We are already witnessing a huge reduction in the presence of flat fish in the Bay in the last two years, since the dumping for other projects started.

The wind and tidal effects to which the Bay is subject will make sure that the dumped silt, mud and chemicals will not sit still on the bank (how can such a possibility be even remotely considered by the way????) but will be dispersed throughout the Bay, reaching the coast line, where people and animals will be exposed to these poisons.

This year we have seen Dublin hosting the 70.3 Iron Man competition - first time in a capital city by the way - with hundreds of people travelling to Dublin from all over the world, appreciating the unexpected beauty of our bay, with clear water and lots of life around them. What bad publicity all this poisonous material will spark and what a danger it will bring to all the athletes that regularly train in the Bay!

Never mind the danger for the hundreds of divers who regularly dive the Dublin Bay throughout the year to see and monitor the health status of the marine life, which surprises all divers coming from abroad. I have attached a few pictures to show you what you are going to destroy.

I hope you will consider all the hundreds of submissions that you are receiving and put people's health and environment before profit.

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Yours Sincerely,

Marco Salino



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