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From: Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural & Gaeltach Affairs
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Subject: Dumping at Sea Permit application S0029-01

Re: Dumping at Sea Permit application S0029-01 by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine in Dingle Fishery Harbour, County Kerry.

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On behalf of the Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs I refer to the above.

Outlined below please find the Underwater Archaeology observations.

We refer to the Underwater Archaeological Impact Assessment (UAIA) Report by Laurence Dunne Archaeology Ltd., which is extensive and thorough with regard to the historical and archaeological overview of the cultural heritage environment within which the works is to take place. It is also noted that the full data sets for the geophysical survey data were not forwarded to the archaeologist, Mr Dunne and what was forwarded appears to have been in a format that was not wholly conducive to allowing him undertake a comprehensive archaeo-geophysical interpretation of the results. His conclusions therefore, by default, are based on what was supplied to him.

Based on the UAIA Report and its conclusions, the following are the recommendations of the National Monuments Service:

The Underwater Archaeology Unit of the National Monuments Service has no objections on underwater heritage grounds to the Permit for Dumping at Sea for this work being granted **once the following is include as conditions on any Permit issued** (please include as detailed below).

Archaeological diver inspection as Further Information:

A suitably qualified and experienced underwater archaeologist shall carry out dive inspections of the anomalies identified within the Channel and Turning Area. This to be licenced by the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.

- A detailed method statement shall be submitted with the licence application by the underwater archaeologist and it shall include an overview of the area to be inspected, a dive methodology plan and schedule and full details of the archaeological dive team.
- The inspections shall be accompanied by a hand held metal detection survey, under licence.
- A report on the underwater archaeological dive inspections shall be forwarded to the Underwater Archaeology Unit as Further Information for consideration *in advance of any dredging works take place*. The applicant shall await further comments and recommendations, based on the FI, from the UAU before proceeding.

It shall be noted that all diving shall adhere to the Health and Safety Authority's Safety in Industry (Diving at Work) Regulations 1981, SI 422 and all other relevant legislation as required by the HSA.

Archaeological Monitoring of dredging work:

- All dredging works shall be subject to archaeological monitoring. This should be undertaken by a suitably qualified archaeologist experienced in the monitoring of marine dredgings and shall be licensed to the Department of Culture, Heritage & the Gaeltacht.
- The monitoring licence application shall be accompanied by a detailed method statement and this should include details of dredger type, duration of dredging and extent of dredgings.
- The method statement shall include details of archaeological monitoring team, mechanism for communication with all plant and machinery operators, etc.
- The methodology shall address a finds' retrieval strategy, particularly if the dredger will have screens on board whereby the archaeologist can inspect the screens for any cultural material.

- Provision shall be made with the applicants for suitable temporary storage areas to be provided, with suitable storage tanks with water, to facilitate any archaeological material that might be encountered and recovered during the dredging operations and which shall need to be placed back in a wet environment.
- The developer and dredging crew shall be prepared to accommodate the monitoring archaeologist(s) at all times on site and on the dredger during the course of all the works.
- Detailed and finalised dredging plans and dredging schedules should be made available to the monitoring archaeologist well in advance of any works commencing.
- A digital copy of all track plots for the dredging within the Channel and Turning Area and the Dumpsite shall be provided to the underwater archaeologist to inform their subsequent report. This to be done on a daily basis. This will also facilitate the geo-referencing of any identified potential archaeological material within the areas being dredged.

It shall be borne in mind that if significant archaeological remains are found during the archaeological monitoring, the monitoring archaeologist will have the power to have the dredging suspended and the dredger operator shall be prepared to move away from the area until the potential archaeology has been properly inspected and fully resolved. The applicant shall be prepared to be advised by the Underwater Archaeology Unit in this regard.

Reason: To ensure the continued preservation (either in situ or by record) of places, caves, sites, features or other objects of archaeological interest.

Mise le meas,

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