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RE: Dumping at sea licence application S0012-03 by Port of Waterford Company for dredging of accumulated sediments to maintain navigation areas at Waterford Harbour.

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On behalf of the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht I refer to the above.

Outlined below please find the Nature Conservation observations.

The proposed dumping-at-sea of sediment at south east of Hook Head has been evaluated by both a Natura Impact Statement and amongst others a Marine Mammal Risk Assessment.

The conclusion of the Natura Impact Statement document is that the proposed works are unlikely to pose a significant likely risk to nature conservation interests in the vicinity. The Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs concur with this conclusion.

The conclusion of the Marine Mammal Risk Assessment suggests that there is a low likelihood of interaction with marine mammals from the proposed dumping operations.

The proponent should also ensure that other activities not covered by the EPA Dumping-at-Sea Consent, the dredging within the Suir and Waterford Estuary, take account of requirements for assessment under European and national legislation for nature conservation.

Mise le meas,

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