

**Aisling F Kehoe****Subject:** FW: Licence P0975-02**From:** Foreshore EPA Marine [mailto:fem.dau@chg.gov.ie]**Sent:** 23 July 2018 10:40**To:** Wexford Receptionist <REC\_WEX@epa.ie>**Subject:** Licence P0975-02**RE: Licence P0975-02 by Clondrisse Pig Farm Limited for The rearing of pigs in an installation where the capacity exceeds - (b) 2,000 places for production pigs which are over 30kg at Joristown Upper, Killucan, Westmeath, N91 HK27.**

A chara,

Please find the nature conservation recommendations of the Department of Culture, Heritage, and the Gaeltacht for the above mentioned licence application.

The proposed development site is located close to the River Deel which is within the River Boyne and River Blackwater Special Area of Conservation (SAC) (site code: 002299). Please see the site synopsis at [www.npws.ie](http://www.npws.ie) for a description of the site.

In relation to the River Boyne and River Blackwater SAC, the following conservation objective applies:

**To maintain or restore the favourable conservation condition of the Annex I habitats and the Annex II species for which the SAC has been selected:**

- Alkaline fens
- Alluvial forests with *Alnus glutinosa* and *Fraxinus excelsior* (*Alno-Padion*, *Alnion incanae*, *Salicion albae*)\* \* denotes a priority habitat
- River Lamprey (*Lampetra fluviatilis*)
- Salmon (*Salmo salar*)
- Otter (*Lutra lutra*)

In relation to the River Boyne and River Blackwater SPA, the following conservation objective applies:

**To maintain or restore the favourable conservation condition of the bird species listed as Special Conservation Interests for this SPA:**

Kingfisher (*Alcedo atthis*)

The Department is of the view that the proposed development:

- Has a potential to cause an adverse effect on a significant area of the habitats and species populations of lamprey, salmon and otter which are listed under the Annexes of the EU Habitats Directive (Council Directive 92/43/EEC on the Conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora).
- Has a potential to cause an adverse effect on a significant area of the habitats and species populations of kingfisher which are listed under Annex I of the EU Birds Directive (Council Directive 79/409/EEC).

This affect would be caused by:

- Siltation resulting from surface water runoff from the proposed site during construction works