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Subject: Dumping at Sea Permit application, S0032-01

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Office of Environmental Sustainability,
Wexford

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RE: Dumping at Sea Permit application, S0032-01

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for your recent notification of the above mentioned proposal.

While IFI appreciates the economic significance of the proposed works, there is also a statutory obligation on IFI to protect and conserve fisheries. It is in this context that we make the following comments on the proposal.

- a) The concentration levels licenced for any parameter should not be at variance with those set out in the Department's "Guidelines for the assessment of dredge material for disposal in Irish Waters" document.
- b) The quantity of dredged material to be dumped should not exceed that which is licenced.
- c) Dumping should avoid herring spawning times in November and February,
- d) An ecological assessment and species quantification of the dumpsite area should occur pre and post dumping to permit impact assessment.
- e) Water quality monitoring in relation to suspended solids should be built into the dredging regime on a daily basis

Yours sincerely

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