

Eve O'Sullivan

Subject: S0012-04 Port of Waterford Company - Dumping at Sea Permit Application
Attachments: SFPA reply.msg; RE: Our Ref: FW.7.21 Port of Waterford Company - Dumping at Sea Permit at Waterford Harbour

From: OBrien, Grace <Grace.O'Brien@agriculture.gov.ie>
Sent: Monday 25 April 2022 15:43
To: Licensing Staff <licensing@epa.ie>
Cc: Foreshore <Foreshore@agriculture.gov.ie>
Subject: RE: S0012-04 Port of Waterford Company - Dumping at Sea Permit Application

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EPA Ref: S0012-04

To Whom It Concerns,

I refer to your request for comments/observations from the Department of Agriculture Food and the Marine in relation to this Dumping At Sea Permit at Waterford Harbour on behalf of Port of Waterford Company.

Please see attached concerns raised by 1. The Sea Fisheries Protection Authority and 2. BIM

Regards,

Grace O'Brien
Foreshore Section
Dept of Agriculture Food and the Marine

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Subject: FW: Response: FW.7.21 Port of Waterford Company – Dumping at Sea Permit at Waterford Harbour
Attachments: Response FW7 21 S0012-04 Port of Waterford.pdf

From: Phair, Ann
Sent: Tuesday 12 April 2022 16:29
To: OBrien, Grace <Grace.OBrien@agriculture.gov.ie>; Crowley, Raphael <Raphael.Crowley@agriculture.gov.ie>; DAFM Queries <DAFMQueries@sfpa.ie>; 'francis.xobeirn@marine.ie' <francis.xobeirn@marine.ie>; 'foreshore.licensing@bim.ie' <foreshore.licensing@bim.ie>
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Subject: Response: FW.7.21 Port of Waterford Company – Dumping at Sea Permit at Waterford Harbour

Hi Grace,
Please find attached response from the SFPA in reference to the below application.

Regards,

Ann

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Dear All,

This Department has received a request for comments/observations from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in relation to a dumping at sea permit for Port of Waterford Company at Waterford harbour.

Please see the link below that will take you to their website where the application can be viewed.

[Environmental Protection Agency \(epa.ie\)](http://epa.ie)

As usual this Department's observations will be confined to aquaculture/ sea fisheries and fisheries harbours.

Please provide your comments directly to myself, quoting our reference **FW.7.21** and kindly copy foreshore@agriculture.gov.ie on all correspondence.

Regards,

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Aquaculture & Foreshore Application Observations

Application No: FW.7.21 / S0012-04	Applicant Name & Area: Port of Waterford Company
Application Category	
Aquaculture: N Extending current dredge site and increase in volume of waste to dump at sea permit	Foreshore: Y

Sea Fisheries Protection Officer Observations	
<p>1. <i>Possible impacts, if any, on existing wild fisheries in the area, with an emphasis on the possible implications for the SFPA conducting official controls and possible non-compliance issues that could arise.</i></p> <p>Impact of increased volumes along with extending current site would cause concern; lack of recent analysis of the risk to shellfish in the estuary from contaminants</p>	
<p>2. <i>Impacts, if any, on shellfish growing areas adjacent to or within the area and the possible impact on the ability of the SFPA to conduct official controls and possible non-compliance issues that could arise.</i></p> <p>Impact on Natural occurring Mussel beds in the area from Little Island to Buttermilk Point unknown. lack of a recent study conducted to assess any impact on same. Concerns around the negative impact of dumping in such proximity to the mouth of the Estuary and the lack of a recent Survey or risk assessment; negative impact caused by possible bio/ petro chemicals and heavy metal present in the waste. The status of the current dumping grounds proximity to the estuary its impact on the razor shellfish grounds at the mouth of the Estuary</p>	
<p>3. <i>Possible impacts, if any, on seafood safety.</i></p> <p>Last review of impact of disposal 2002 and the current status and increasing of waste to current site could result in toxins getting brought back into estuary to current shellfish sites recommend further review and analysis of possible toxins present to reduce any risk to food chain</p>	
Sea-Fisheries Protection Authority	Date: 06.04.2022