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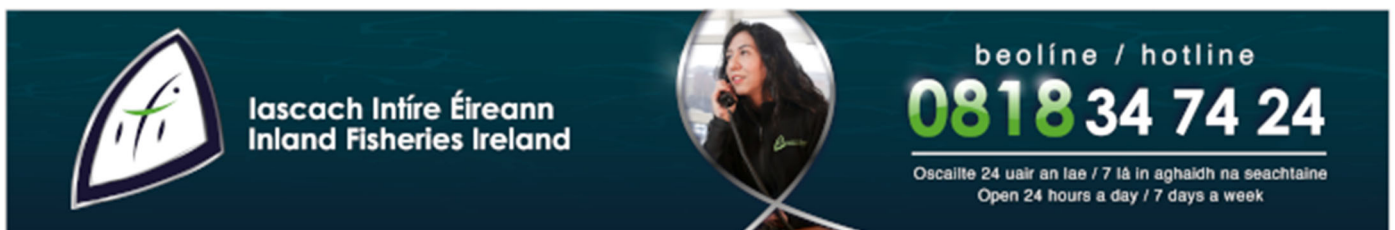
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RE: Reg No. S0005-03 Dumping at Sea Permit Application from Department of
Defence

A Chara,

I refer to the above-mentioned application.

While IFI appreciates the 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) Dumping should avoid herring spawning times in November and February.
- c) Effective control measures are required to ensure there is no water quality impact outside the dredge zone to the greater Cork Harbour area.
- d) The effectiveness of these control measures should be ensured by daily monitoring during the period of dredging activity.
- e) An ecological assessment and species quantification of the dumpsite area should occur pre and post dumping to permit impact assessment.

Yours sincerely

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