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Subject: FW: Reg No S0012-05 Dumping at Sea Permit Application from Port of Waterford Company
Attachments: SFPA Reply S0012-05 Port of Waterford Company-Apr24.pdf

From: Power, Thomas <Thomas.Power@agriculture.gov.ie>
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To licensing section

Please find attached further comments in relation to the application by the Port of Waterford.

Best regards

Tommy

From: McGuinness, Maebh <Maebh.McGuinness@sfpa.ie>
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To: Power, Thomas <Thomas.Power@agriculture.gov.ie>
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Hi Thomas and Foreshore team,

Please find attached, the SFPA reply to the Dumping at Sea application (S0012-05) by the Port of Waterford Company.

Regards,

Maebh McGuinness

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Aquaculture & Foreshore Application Observations

Applicant Name & Area:		
Applicant : Port of Waterford Company		Application No:
Location of loading area(s): River Suir and Waterford Estuary		Dumping at Sea Application (Reg No S0012-05)
Location of dumping site(s): 2.5km southwest of Hook Head		
Application Category		
<input type="checkbox"/> Aquaculture Licence	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Foreshore Licence	
<input type="checkbox"/> Review of Aquaculture Licence	<input type="checkbox"/> Trial Licence	
<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal of Aquaculture Licence		
Type of Aquaculture		
Marine Based		Land Based
Shellfish <i>Subtidal</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Shellfish <input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Intertidal</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Finfish <input type="checkbox"/>
Finfish <input type="checkbox"/>		Aquatic Plants <input type="checkbox"/>
Seaweed / Aquatic Plants/Aquatic Fish Food <input type="checkbox"/>		Aquatic Fish Food <input type="checkbox"/>

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>The closest shellfish production area to the proposed dredging and sediment disposal activities is Harrylock. It is imperative that the proposed works will not have an adverse impact on the shellfish produced in Harrylock (or other shellfish production areas in the vicinity such as Woodstown). Possible impacts include but are not limited to an increased sediment loading and chemical / oil contamination of waters entering the harbor during dredging and disposal of sediment</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>

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There are no shellfish production areas within the proposed dredging and disposal areas. The closest shellfish production area is Harrylock. However, given the distance of the production area from the proposed dredging and disposal areas, it is very unlikely that there would be any possible impacts that could occur regarding SFPA official controls or the nearby shellfish production areas (Harrylock and Woodstown).

3. *Possible impacts, if any, on seafood safety.*

There is no observable impact on seafood safety. The only possible impact to occur would be through a pollution event through oil spill contamination from a damaged vessel, which could be ingested by shellfish within the aforementioned production areas of Harrylock and Woodstown. If such a pollution event were to occur, the operators involved in the dredging procedure should have awareness on the notification process for such an event. The operators should also contact SFPA Dunmore East Office in the case of such an event.

Sea-Fisheries Protection Authority

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Dunmore East Port Office

Date:

22/04/2024