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Dr. Terry McMahon Marine Institute 80 Harcourt Street Dublin 2

22 September 2014

## Re: Irish Water, D0168-01, Bantry agglomeration

Dear Dr. McMahon,

I am to advise you in accordance with Regulation 42(8)(a) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 (S.I. No. 477 of 2011) that the Agency has made a determination that an Appropriate Assessment *is not* required as the project, individually or in combination with other plans or projects, *is not* likely to have a significant effect on a European site(s). This determination is attached for your reference.

The application and associated correspondence, including acknowledgements, notifications and general correspondence is available to view on the Agency Website at <u>www.epa.ie</u>. You are advised to refer to the website for information on the progress of the application.

Yours sincerely,

Sonja Smith Programme Officer Environmental Licensing Programme





Irish Water, Colvill House, 24/26 Talbot Street, Dublin 1

18<sup>th</sup> September 2014

Dear Ken Conroy

I refer to your application for waste water discharge licence for the agglomeration named Bantry.

I am to advise you in accordance with Regulation 42(8)(a) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 and 2013 that the Agency has made a determination that an Appropriate Assessment is not required as the project, individually or in combination with other plans or projects, is not likely to have a significant effect on a European site(s).

The Appropriate Assessment Screening Determination is available to view below this notice. Please direct any queries that you may have in relation to the above to Donal Grant at 053-9160600 or to OCLR Admin Team E.

Yours sincerely

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Donal Grant,

**Environmental Licensing Programme,** 

Office of Climate, Licensing & Resource Use, Environmental Protection Agency. Tel: 053-9160600

## **Appropriate Assessment Screening Determination**

In accordance with Regulation 42(1) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 and 2013, the Agency has undertaken Appropriate Assessment screening to assess, in view of best scientific knowledge and the conservation objectives of the site, if the activity, individually or in combination with other plans or projects is likely to have a significant effect on a European Site(s). In this context, particular attention was paid to the European Site(s) listed below.

Licence/Permit Application Details:

Reg. No.	D0168-01
Applicant Name:	Irish Water
Location of Agglomeration:	Bantry
Licence / Permit Application Date:	22/09/2008
European Site(s) assessed:	Glengarriff Harbour and Woodland SAC (Site Code: 000090)
	Sheep's Head SAC (Site Code: 000102)
Date of AA Screening Determination:	18/09/2014

## AA Screening Determination:

That the activity is not directly connected with or necessary to the management of the site as a European site and that it can be excluded, on the basis of objective information, that the activity, individually or in combination with other plans or projects will have a significant effect on a European site, and accordingly the Agency determined that an Appropriate Assessment of the activity was not required.

This determination is based on the high quality of the effluent discharged from the agglomeration, the Unpolluted classification of the receiving waters (Inner Bantry Bay), and the distance of the primary discharge from the European Sites.

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Date: 18<sup>th</sup> September 2014

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