

**Applicants Response to Prescribed Bodies Observations
FS007223 Dundalk Port Maintenance Dredging**

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Dundalk Port has reviewed the comments from each Prescribed Body and has the following feedback:

Marine Survey Office (MSO)

The Port welcomes the feedback provided and agree with the proposed condition.

Marine Institute (MI)

The Port welcomes the feedback provided and conclusion that impacts on aquaculture and sea fishing from the proposed activity are not considered likely.

Inland Fisheries Ireland (IFI)

The Port welcomes the submission from the IFI. Unfortunately, a search of the ports archives for dredging records from 2014 was unsuccessful. Therefore, further information on the time of year and duration of the works is currently unknown.

Inland Fisheries Ireland (IFI) Observation 2

The Port agrees that proper records should be maintained and, in the future, will ensure hard and soft copies are stored of the daily progress reports provided by the contractor to ensure historical records are not lost. A foreshore licence condition on this basis is sensible.

Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM)

The Port welcomes the feedback provided and agree with the proposed condition.

Underwater Archaeology Unit (UAU)

The Port welcomes the feedback provided.

Sea Fisheries Protection Authority (SFPA)

The Port welcomes the submission from the SFPA and their conclusion that there is not expected to be any issues with seafood safety caused by the proposed dredging operations.

Marine Advisor (Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage)

The Port welcomes the feedback provided and agree with all of the proposed conditions.