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KILBANE Lawrence <LawrenceKILBANE@transport.gov.ie>

To Dominika Brodzisz

Cc Garry Dunphy; GSRO

Follow up. Start by Monday 21 March 2022. Due by Monday 21 March 2022.

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Good afternoon Dominika,
Many thanks for the additional information.

As the majority of the works are being conducted inside the 500m exclusion zone there should not be an adverse effect on the safety of navigation. However in the interests of safe navigation a Marine Notice will be required to be issued close to the time of the commencement of the works detailing the scope of the works, the vessels involved and any other information which maybe relevant.

Rgds

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Aquaculture & Foreshore Application Observations

Application No: FW.8.100 / S0034-01	Applicant Name & Area: PSE Kinsale Energy Limited Cork
Application Category	
Aquaculture: N	Foreshore: Y

Sea Fisheries Protection Officer Observations

- 1. 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.*

SFPA believe that there are no recognisable possible impacts on existing wild fisheries around or adjacent to the proposed area specified in application number **FW.8.98 / S0035-01**

Kinsale Energy has received consent to decommission the Kinsale Head gas fields and facilities, which are at the end of their productive life

There is no actual material being dumped, instead, the proposed 'dumping at sea' activity as described in application number FW.8.98 / S0035-01 is to retain in place the redundant gas export pipeline, the in-field gas pipelines, the in-field umbilicals and umbilical contents at the locations in which they were installed. The gas wells are being plugged, the pipelines filled with seawater and the platforms and subsea structures are being removed.

One of the final decommissioning activities will be the placement of rock protection (rock berms) on the ends of the pipelines and umbilicals which might form a hazard to fishing activities.

- 2. 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.*

There are no shellfish growing areas within the proposed area or adjacent to the area.

SFPA believe that there are no recognisable possible impacts on shellfish growing areas around or adjacent to the proposed area specified in application number **FW.8.98 / S0035-01**

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

SFPA believe that there are no recognisable possible impacts on seafood safety due to the activities involved in the process of decommissioning the Kinsale Head Gas fields and facilities described by Kinsale Energy in application number **FW.8.98 / S0035-01**

Sea Fisheries Protection Officer

Date: 03 November 2021

Port: Clonakilty Port

Signature: Brian Nolan SFPO

From: EIAPanning
Sent: Tuesday 10 May 2022 11:01
To: Jean Clarke ; LaurenceG Kelly
Subject: RE: 27042022 - Kinsale Area Decommissioning Project Application - Public Consultation

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For the attention of Jean Clarke,
Environment Advisory Unit, Environment, Climate Research and Advisory Unit.
Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications.

Re: 27042022 - Kinsale Area Decommissioning Project Application - Public Consultation

10 May 2022

Dear Ms. Clarke,

I refer to your correspondence received 27th April 2022 regarding an application submitted to the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications by PSE Kinsale Energy Limited. It is noted that additional information was submitted by the applicant to the Department for the purposes of carrying out an EIAR assessment of the application and for the purposes of carrying out an AA Screening of the application. It is further noted that the consultation period has been extended for a further 14 days.

The Agency advises that two dumping at sea permit applications have been submitted to the Agency for the Kinsale Area Decommissioning Project as follows:

- PSE Kinsale Energy Limited submitted a dumping at sea permit application (Reg. No. S0034-01) to the Agency on 21st October 2021. The permit application is for the dumping at sea (or leaving in situ) of redundant gas export pipelines, in-field gas pipelines, in-field control umbilicals and umbilical contents associated with the decommissioning of the Kinsale Head gas fields and facilities. The applicant is seeking to leave in place circa 92 km of subsea steel pipelines varying in size from 273–610 mm and 21km of control umbilicals varying in diameter from 82–98mm. This application is currently under assessment by the Agency. The application and associated documents, can be found at the following link: <https://epawebapp.epa.ie/terminalfour/DaS/DaS-view.jsp?reqno=S0034-01>.
- PSE Seven Heads Limited submitted a dumping at sea permit application (Reg. No. S0035-01) to the Agency on 22nd October 2021. The permit application is for the dumping at sea (or leaving in situ) of redundant in-field gas pipelines, in-field umbilicals and umbilical contents associated with the decommissioning of the Seven Heads gas fields and facilities. The applicant is seeking to leave in place circa 61km of subsea steel pipelines, varying in size from 203–457 mm and 61 km of control umbilicals, varying in diameter from 93.2–123.5mm. The application is currently under assessment by the Agency. The application and associated documents can be found at the following link: <https://epawebapp.epa.ie/terminalfour/DaS/DaS-view.jsp?reqno=S0035-01>.

The Agency would further advise that in considering and deciding on the application that the proposed activity should not result in a contravention of the Water Framework Directive 2000/60/EC, Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC, Birds Directive 2009/147/EC, Marine Strategy

Framework Directive 2008/56/EC, Bathing Water Directive 73/160/EEC or Environmental Liabilities Directive 2004/35/EC.

For all further queries and correspondence relating to this matter, please contact eiaplanning@epa.ie.

Please note that there is no requirement for you to acknowledge receipt of this correspondence.

Yours Faithfully,
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From: LaurenceG Kelly <LaurenceG.Kelly@decc.gov.ie>

Sent: Wednesday 27 April 2022 12:27

To: Wexford Receptionist <REC_WEX@epa.ie>

Cc: EAU <EAU@DECC.gov.ie>; Jean Clarke <Jean.Clarke@decc.gov.ie>; Dave Corcoran <Dave.Corcoran@decc.gov.ie>

Subject: 27042022 - Kinsale Area Decommissioning Project Application - Public Consultation

Dear Sir /Madam,

I refer to the application submitted to the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications by PSE Kinsale Energy Limited hereafter referred to as (PSE) seeking Ministerial approval for: -

- An addendum to Plan of Development in accordance with Sections 13 and 13A of the Petroleum and Other Minerals Development Act 1960, as amended, to decommission certain facilities in the Kinsale Head and Ballycotton, and Seven Heads gas fields;
- Consent under Section 5(2) of the Continental Shelf Act 1968, as amended, to alter certain facilities in a designated area;

I am a Senior Advisor in the Environment Assessment Unit (EAU) a functionally independent and separate unit of the Department and am the official responsible for carrying out environmental screening and any environmental assessments determined as being required following screening, in accordance with the requirements set out in Directive 2011/92/EU, as amended by Directive 2014/52/EU (EIA Directive) and Directive 92/43/EEC, as amended, (Habitats Directive) in respect of applications made to the Minister within an existing petroleum lease for permission to carry out works on an existing gas pipeline that was the subject of a consent to operate.

EIAR Assessment

I wish to advise you that the Department has received additional information from the applicant for the purposes of carrying out an EIAR assessment of the application. The further information and documentation has been published on the Department's website for a further 14 day period of consultation. The information can be found at the following link:

<https://www.gov.ie/en/consultation/e2c31-public-consultation-on-the-application-for-decommissioning-of-certain-facilities-within-the-kinsale-area-gas-fields/>

Any submissions received will be taken into account in any final EIAR Assessment made in respect of

this application. Submissions should be sent to EAU@decc.gov.ie

AA Screening

I wish to advise you that the Department has received additional information from the applicant for the purposes of carrying out an AA Screening of the application. The further information and documentation has been published on the Department's website for a further 14 day period of consultation. The information can be found at the following link:

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Any submissions received will be taken into account in any final AA Screening made in respect of this application. Submissions should be sent to EAU@decc.gov.ie

Regards,

Laurence Kelly, On Behalf of
Jean Clarke
Senior Advisor

Laurence Kelly
Environment Advisory Unit
Environment, Climate Research and Advisory Unit (ECRAU)

An Roinn Comhshaoil, Aeráide agus Cumarsáide
Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications

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