

FS007062 SEAI AMETS Site Investigation, Co. Mayo

Prescribed Bodies Observations during Appropriate Assessment Consultation period of 19/04/2022 to 18/05/2022

1. Marine Institute
2. Sea Fisheries Protection Authority
3. Foreshore Marine Advisor (Environmental)
4. Commissioner of Irish Light
5. Dept. Agriculture, Food and Marine
6. NPWS
7. Inland Fisheries Ireland

1. MARINE INSTITUTE

From: [REDACTED]

To: [REDACTED] (Housing)

Subject: RE: FS007062 Prescribed Bodies Consultation SEAI AMETS Site Investigations Mayo

Date: Wednesday 8 June 2022 13:43:23

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Dear [REDACTED]

The Marine Institute has no further observations at this time.

All the best [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] PhD

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Hello [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email regarding the status of this application. I have no comments to make at this time.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

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3. FORESHORE MARINE ADVISOR - ENVIRONMENT

[REDACTED],

Foreshore Unit,

Department of the Housing, Local Government and Heritage,

Newtown Road,

Co. Wexford

16th June 2022

Prescribed Bodies Second Consultation - Environmental Report

Re: FS007062 Foreshore licence application for site investigations at the Floating Offshore Wind technology site west of the Mullet Peninsula/Annagh Head, Co. Mayo.

Applicant: Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI)

Dear [REDACTED],

Your email of the 8th of June 2022 refers to this licence application for site investigations at the Floating Offshore Wind Technology site west of the Mullet Peninsula/Annagh Head, Co. Mayo.

The European sites in this area are important for a variety of marine mammals and wintering and breeding populations of birds. The waters in this area are of key conservation importance for Bottle-nose Dolphin in Ireland and are an important breeding area for Grey Seal. Internationally important populations of Great Northern Diver and Light-bellied Brent Goose, as well as nationally important populations of nine other wintering sea birds occur at these sites.

As you will note from my Screening Stage Report Environmental Report of the 28th of February 2022 I agreed with and accepted the outcome of the IEC's review of the environmental reports associated with this application.

I have no objection to this application subject to a complete environmental assessment. I will provide site specific conditions once the environmental assessment process is complete.

[REDACTED]

Marine Advisor, Environment.



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13 July 2022

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Foreshore application -FS007062 Prescribed Bodies Consultation SEAI AMETS Site Investigations Mayo

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for contacting the Commissioners of Irish Lights requesting observations on this foreshore licence application dated 4th July 2022 for site investigation works.

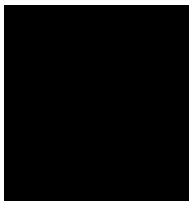
Irish Lights has reviewed this application and our observations are as follows:

Please be aware that AMETS A and AMETS B buoys are in the vicinity of the site investigation works.

Recommend a Notices to Mariners be issued detailing the works, duration and vessels involved in the works.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact myself or a member of the team.

Yours sincerely,



Acting Navigation Services Manager

5. DEPT AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND MARINE

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday 20 July 2022 15:01

To: Housing Foreshore <foreshore@housing.gov.ie>

Cc: Foreshore <Foreshore@agriculture.gov.ie>

Subject: Our Ref: FW.13.23 Site Investigation Works for floating off-shore wind testing at AMETS site Mayo

Our Ref: FW.13.23 Site Investigation Works for floating off-shore wind testing at AMETS site Mayo

DHLGH Ref: FS007062

To Whom It Concerns,

I refer to your request for comments/observations from the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine on foot of an Appropriate Assessment being deemed necessary by DHLGH.

This Department has no further comments to make on this application.

[REDACTED] was the previous file holder of this application but I know that he no longer works in Foreshore Section, can somebody acknowledge safe receipt of this email please for our records?

Many thanks,

[REDACTED]

Foreshore Section

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6. NPWS

From: Housing Fem Dau <Fem.Dau@housing.gov.ie>

Sent: Friday 22 July 2022 12:33

To: Housing Foreshore <foreshore@housing.gov.ie>

Subject: FS007062

A chara,

Please find the heritage recommendations of the Department for the above mentioned application.

Nature Conservation

The proposed site survey to support the development of the Atlantic Marine Energy Test Site has been evaluated by a Natura Impact Statement (NIS). The conclusion of the Natura Impact Statement document is that the proposed works are unlikely to pose a significant likely risk to nature conservation interests in the vicinity. It is noted that potential interaction with marine mammals can be ameliorated by the application of “Guidance to Manage the Risk to Marine Mammals from Man-made Sound Sources in Irish Waters”.

National Parks & Wildlife Service concur with this conclusion in and request that mitigation outlined in Section 12 of the NIS document is implemented in full.

Kind regards,



7. INLAND FISHERIES IRELAND

From: [REDACTED]@fisheriesireland.ie>

Sent: Thursday 21 July 2022 12:34

To: [REDACTED] (Housing)

Subject: RE: FS007062 Prescribed Bodies Consultation SEAI AMETS Site Investigations Mayo

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We have no further comment to make on this

Kind regards

[REDACTED]