

Submission	FSL Application	Consultee Organisation	Consultee Name	Topic	Overview of Comments	Applicant Response
PB1	FS007161	DHLGH	Marine Advisor, Environment	Marine ecology	The responder would like to reiterate the importance of this area to the marine environment, and lists a variety of important species and habitats in this region (with particular reference to Kilkieran Bay). The Marine Advisor has (in principle) no objections to this application.	Noted with thanks.
PB2	FS007161	DHLGH	Marine Advisor, Engineering	Various	No further comment to make on this application	Noted with thanks.
PB3	FS007161	Marine Institute	Section Manager - Licensing and Policy Advice	Various	The responder notes that information gaps identified by the Department have been addressed, and makes no other observations	Noted with thanks.
PB4	FS007161	Irish Lights	Navigation Support Officer	Navigation	No further comment to make on this application	Noted with thanks.
PB5	FS007161	Inland Fisheries Ireland	Senior Research Officer	Fish; Fisheries	No further comment to make on this application	Noted with thanks.
PB6	FS007161	Sea Fisheries Protection Authority	Anonymous	Fisheries	No further comment to make on this application	Noted, although the responder should note that this is not an application for Sceirde Rocks wind farm; rather, a Foreshore Licence to conduct surveys within the array area.
PB7	FS007161	UAU (DHLGH)	Anonymous	Various	No further comment to make on this application	Noted with thanks.
PB8	FS007161	NPWS	Anonymous	Marine ecology	No further comment to make on this application	Noted with thanks.

PB9	FS007161	Department of Transport	Anonymous	Navigation	<p>The responder lists the requirements that must be addressed before, during and on completion of the surveys:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Licensee shall, through consultation and agreement with the Department of Transport, Marine Survey Office and Commissioners of Irish Lights, arrange for the publication of a Marine Notice through the Maritime Safety Policy Division. 2. The promulgation and frequency of Navtex and radio broadcast warnings shall be agreed in advance with the Irish Coast Guard for the duration of the license period. 3. The marking and lighting of any moored instruments shall be carried out in consultation with the Marine Survey Office and Commissioners of Irish Lights. Lighting and marking shall be compliant with International Association of Aids to Navigation (IALA) requirements. Information regarding the position of any markings which create a hazard to navigation shall be promulgated to the mariner via publication of a marine notice and all available means appropriate. 4. The Licensee shall ensure all appropriate measures are taken for the duration of any on-site activity to ensure the safety of navigation is maintained. Any hazard to safe navigation shall be easily identifiable to all mariners operating within or in the vicinity of the license area. 5. All vessels engaged in the above must conform to Irish Certification standards and the vessels be manned by suitably qualified personnel, additionally where equipment is carried an Irish Load line survey may be required. The applicant should contact the Marine Survey Office Dublin for clarification in relation to the above matters. 6. On completion of operations the applicant shall be obliged to inform the United Kingdom Hydrographic Office (UKHO) providing bathymetry data so that appropriate charts can be updated. (Fax: 0044 1823 284077, email: hdc@hdc.hydro.gov.uk) 	<p>Noted. The Applicant will ensure that these points (with respect to maritime safety) are addressed.</p>
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PB10	FS007161	Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine	Anonymous	Fisheries	<p>The responder states that the lack of VMS data regarding fishing in or near the application area should not be considered representative of the activities of the inshore segment of the fishing fleet. There are up to 1,700 vessels in the inshore segment, which is defined as sea-fishing boats less than 12 metres in length. Such vessels are not required to carry VMS systems, hence the lack of VMS data to show the sea-fishing activities of inshore vessels. This lack of VMS data cannot be taken to mean that inshore vessels do not fish in or near the application area. In fact, the Marine Institute has advised: "There is likely to be considerable effort by smaller vessels (<12m without VMS) that cannot be quantified here. Mainly using pots targeting crab and lobster this area."</p>	<p>Noted with thanks.</p> <p>The Applicant continues to engage with local fishers with the objective of ensuring that survey activities can be completed safely and without damage to fishing gear, survey equipment or vessels.</p> <p>Commencement of survey activities is subject to Foreshore Licence consent and the availability of suitable survey contractor. The Applicant will consult with local fishermen to develop and implement where possible a survey programme which minimises the risk of any potential losses through effective planning and coordination of the survey activities.</p>
				Fisheries	<p>The responder recommends that a Fisheries Liaison Officer (FLO) be appointed for the project if this has not already been done.</p> <p>o DAFM would urge that timely consultation and active engagement with the representatives of inshore fishers take place as early as possible and on an ongoing basis to ensure optimum coordination of activities and to limit disturbance (and avoid displacement) of inshore fishing activity as much as possible during the proposed surveys.</p> <p>o Consultation should follow the good practice Engagement Standards in the document Summary Guide on Seafood / ORE Engagement in Ireland. This document was developed by the Seafood/Offshore Renewable Energy (ORE) Working Group to provide ORE projects and seafood stakeholders with guidance on how to engage and co-exist in a meaningful and constructive manner throughout the lifecycle of an ORE Project. An open and clear dialogue with fishers' representatives should assist in reducing the potential for confusion and friction with fishing stakeholders.</p>	<p>The Applicant has been advised by an expert Fisheries Liaison Officer since early 2022 and has engaged in direct discussions with local fishers and is aware of the commercial fisheries interests in the area.</p> <p>Commencement of survey activities is subject to Foreshore Licence consent and the availability of suitable survey contractor. The Applicant will consult with local fishermen to develop and implement where possible a survey programme which minimises the risk of any potential losses through effective planning and coordination of the survey activities.</p>

				<p>Fisheries</p> <p>DAFM strongly recommends that the applicants consult with the organisations listed below as well as the Marine Institute for further information on the inshore fishing that actually takes place in or near the application area. Certain inshore boats are required to carry GPS monitoring systems, which are provided by the MI. That agency may have gathered data from these GPS units that could be relevant to the application area. Also, the MI publishes information on inshore fisheries in reports such as its annual Shellfish Stocks and Fisheries Review</p> <p>Relevant fisheries organisations are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The National Inshore Fisheries Forum - The West Regional Inshore Fisheries Forum - The Irish Islands Marine Resource Organisation - The National Inshore Fishermen's Association 	<p>The Applicant notes and thanks DAFM for the information regarding information held by the Marine Institute.</p> <p>The Applicant has held detailed discussions with local fishermen in the area, many of whom are members of the organisations listed and are commencing formal communications with the organisations shown.</p>
				<p>Fisheries</p> <p>As the proposed development of this and other ORE projects continue, it is essential that the sea-fisheries sector is recognised and given a high priority as a long-standing, pre-existing, and traditional activity in the marine environment. Fishers are primary food producers dependent upon certain marine areas which are particularly important for food production. This primary production is critical to supplying the downstream indigenous seafood processing and export industries and in sustaining the livelihoods of coastal communities. The importance of these primary and secondary food production activities is reflected in the Government's Food Vision 2030 policy.</p>	<p>Noted with thanks.</p>
				<p>Fisheries</p> <p>The potential impacts of ORE projects on commercial sea-fishing and aquaculture activities need to be considered and evaluated at each stage of the consent process. Where commercial sea-fishing (and aquaculture activities) may be impacted, it is essential that early, effective and ongoing engagement takes place with stakeholders to afford them an opportunity for input/preparation. The principles in the National Marine Planning Framework (NMPF) of avoiding, minimising, or mitigating impacts on access to existing activities should be followed. Ideally, the design of ORE projects should incorporate the principle of maximising "co-use" of marine areas with existing activities, such as inshore fishing, to minimise the impacts of ORE projects on those activities.</p>	<p>Noted with thanks.</p> <p>The Applicant continues to engage with fishers, their representative Producer Organisations, relevant Inshore Fisheries Forums and charter vessel operators with the objective of ensuring that survey activities can be completed safely and without damage to fishing gear, survey equipment or vessels.</p> <p>The Applicant has been advised by an expert Fisheries Liaison Officer since early 2022 and has engaged in direct discussions with local fishers and is aware of the commercial fisheries interests in the area.</p> <p>Commencement of survey activities is subject to Foreshore Licence consent and the availability of suitable survey contractor. The Applicant will consult with local fishermen to develop and implement where possible a survey programme which minimises the risk of any potential losses through effective planning and coordination of the survey activities.</p>
PB11	FS007161	Felling Section, DAFM	Anonymous	<p>Forestry</p> <p>This response relates to the felling or removal of trees.</p>	<p>This is an application for a Foreshore Licence for geotechnical and environmental site investigations under the Foreshore Acts. No trees will be felled as a result of the activities proposed.</p>