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**Marine Adviser Environment Screening Stage Report**

**Re:** FS007278 – Sampling of soil from saltmarsh in Derrymore Island, Co. Kerry.

**Applicant:** University College Dublin

I have reviewed the Foreshore Application FS007278. My comments on and recommendations for this application are as follows:

As the Department's Marine Environment Advisor I conducted an independent assessment of the information provided by the Applicant, having regard to the Habitats, Birds and EIA Directives.

**Risk Assessment of Annex IV Species**

Having considered the application by UCD this is a localised sampling event. Access to the shore is on foot and will involve a very small number of people. Therefore there will be no disturbance to Annex IV species or to their habitat.

**Article 6(3) of Directive (92/43/EEC) (as amended) (Habitats Directive):** Following a review of the proposed project, I completed **Screening for Appropriate Assessment** (see attached report) which concluded that a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment was not required as the project, individually or in combination with other plans or projects, is not likely to have a significant effect on European sites.

This a very minor undertaking with no significant ecological affects to Annex I habitats or Annex II or IV species.

My signed Recommending Officer's **Screening for Appropriate Assessment Determination** which requires the signature of the Minister as part of the decision-makers obligations under the Habitats Directive is contained in the Appendix.

**Signature and Date of Recommending Officer - Marine Adviser Environment:**



**Ph.D.** 11<sup>th</sup> May 2023