

**CONSOLIDATED PRESCRIBED BODIES OBSERVATIONS ON THE
PROVISION OF PONTOONS AT BERTH NO 50 FOR TUG BOATS BY
DUBLIN PORT COMPANY**

OBSERVATIONS OF THE MARINE INSTITUTE

Considering the location, nature and scale of the proposed works on the foreshore the Marine Institute is satisfied that they will not have a significant impact on the marine environment in the area and will not have a significant impact on other legitimate uses / users of the area. The Marine Institute has no objections to a licence being granted.

OBSERVATIONS OF WATER SERVICES ADVISER IN THE DEPARTMENT

APPROPRIATE ASSESSMENT

In accordance with Article 6(3) of the Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC), RPS on behalf of Dublin Port Company has carried out a shadow screening for an appropriate assessment on the project.

The findings from the screening process for Appropriate Assessment of Natura 2000 Sites, as conducted by RPS, concludes that the proposed works will have no significant effect on the Natura 2000 network and a stage 2 Appropriate Assessment was not carried out. As required under the directive, this department as the consent authority will carry out its own independent Screening Process.

RECOMMENDATIONS/CONCLUSIONS

I have no objection to the granting of a Section 10 Foreshore Licence subject to the following conditions:

- 1 The Licensee shall notify the Department of the date of commencement of the works two weeks prior to commencement.
- 2 All works must be completed in accordance with the drawings and documents submitted in support of the application.

- 3 Appropriate methods of operation shall be adopted, by Dublin Port Company in order to ensure that no spillages of fuel, hydrocarbons, cement or other leakages to sea occur during the installation/maintenance/use of the moorings.
- 4 Any damage caused to the foreshore in connection with the works shall be made good on completion of the works to the satisfaction of D.H.P.L.G.

OBSERVATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND THE MARINE

Appropriate measures must be put in place and best practice adhered to during the construction stage to ensure that there are no adverse effects such as hydrocarbon spills, excessive siltation or disturbing of coastal processes, caused by the installation.

Adequate maintenance testing and inspection regimes must be maintained during the construction stage, and right through the operational phase of the system to ensure that the possibility of pollution or unwanted discharges are minimised. Devices or control measures should be fit for purpose and reviewed per manufacturers guidelines.

OBSERVATIONS OF INLAND FISHERIES OF IRELAND

IFI comment:

The proposed works are of a very limited extent and the pontoon construction will involve fixing guide poles to existing infrastructure. As such there will be no works in the wetted foreshore area and no requirement for piling.

IFI does not have any issues with this application. The Mitigation Measures listed in section 3.3 of the Outline Method Statement (DBFL Consulting Engineers 2017) should form part of any licence condition.

OBSERVATIONS OF THE SEA FISHERIES PROTECTION AUTHORITY

With regard to the recent application by DPC for the provision of a pontoon in the River Liffey, please note for file that the SFPA has the following comments to make regarding the application.

The location of the proposed pontoon will have no effect from a Sea fisheries perspective on any;

Existing wild fisheries in the area of Dublin Bay (closest commercial wild fishery is for crustaceans and gastropods along the Burford Bank)

- Existing shellfish growing areas outside Dublin Bay (Malahide is the closest Shellfish production area to the site)
- Possible impacts on seafood safety (no commercial harvesting takes place within the area of Dublin Bay)

OBSERVATIONS OF MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were no observations from members of the public.