

**Department of Agriculture, Environment & Rural Affairs**  
**Marine & Fisheries Division**

**LICENCE ISSUED UNDER THE MARINE AND COASTAL ACCESS ACT 2009, PART  
4, MARINE LICENSING**


**MARINE CONSTRUCTION LICENCE**

**White Harbour Marina Dredge**

Licence Number: ML2026007

**PART 1 – PARTICULARS**

**1. Licensee(s) Name & Address:**

  
White Harbour Marina  
205a Gobbins Road  
Islandmagee  
Larne  
BT40 3TX

**2. Names, and operators, of the vessels to be employed to undertake or support the deposit, relocation or removal operations:**

To be provided under **Condition 6**.

**3. Description of works and nature and quantity of all deposits below Mean High Water Springs:**

Maintenance dredge within the enclosed basin at White Harbour Marina, County Antrim, Northern Ireland. Dredging will be carried out using appropriate long reach shore-based plant. No dredging will be undertaken within 1 metre of pier walls.

Dredged material will be managed and placed within defined on-site placement areas in accordance with submitted dredge schedule and placement plan. Material types include soft mud, mud with seaweed, and limited stone material.

An estimated 1,434 tonnes is anticipated to be deposited.

#### **4. Location of works:**

Latitude: 54° 45.3'N  
Longitude: 5° 42.6'W

See Appendix A for location map of works

#### **5. Valid:**

From: 12 May 2026  
Until: 11 May 2027

#### **6. Licence Documentation**

Marine Licence Application Form (submitted 26/01/2026)  
White Harbour Maintenance Dredge Report (submitted 26/01/2026)  
Site maps and dredge schedule (submitted 26/01/2026)  
Sediment analysis (submitted 26/01/2026)

### **PART 2 - CONDITIONS**

#### **Licence Condition(s):**

#### **NOTE: FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE LICENCE CONDITIONS BELOW MAY RESULT IN ENFORCEMENT ACTION BEING TAKEN**

1. The Licensee(s) must commence works with **12 months** of the date of this licence.
2. All conditions of this licence bind any persons whom, for the time being, owns, occupies or enjoys any use of the works for which this licence has been granted, in relation to those licensed activities authorised under section 66 of the 2009 Act, whether or not the licence has been transferred to that person.
3. The Licensee(s) must receive written authorisation from the licensing authority to assign or transfer the consent. The licensing authority must confirm in writing to both the original Licensee(s) and any proposed new Licensee(s) that the licence has been transferred/assigned before any works may commence under the new Licensee(s).

4. The Licensee(s) shall not carry out any licensable activity other than that detailed in the Marine Licence application documents received by the licensing authority and deemed complete on **03 February 2026**. The Licensee(s) shall contact the Department if it is proposed to vary the materials or methods to be used from those described in the documentation supplied in connection with the Marine Licence application.
5. The licensee (s) must commence works in line with condition 1 and complete works within the valid dates of this licence. After that date, the licence will expire in accordance with section 71 (4) of the Act.
6. The Licensee(s) must ensure that the Department is informed of any contractor appointed to carry out part or all of the works by email to [MLComplianceandEnforcement@daera-ni.gov.uk](mailto:MLComplianceandEnforcement@daera-ni.gov.uk) **no less than 7 working days** before the commencement of the licensed activity. The licence holder must ensure that a copy of this licence and any subsequent revisions or amendments has been provided to, read and understood by any agents, contractors or sub-contractors that will carry on any licensed activity authorised by this licence on behalf of the licence holder.

#### **Prior to the commencement of the Licensed Activity**

7. Local mariners and fishermen's organisations must be made fully aware of the activity through a local notification. This must be issued at least 5 days before the commencement of the works. [MLComplianceandEnforcement@daera-ni.gov.uk](mailto:MLComplianceandEnforcement@daera-ni.gov.uk) must be copied into all notifications.

**Reason:** To make local marine users aware.

8. [Zone34@hmcg.gov.uk](mailto:Zone34@hmcg.gov.uk) must be notified prior to commencement of activities. [MLComplianceandEnforcement@daera-ni.gov.uk](mailto:MLComplianceandEnforcement@daera-ni.gov.uk) must be copied into all notifications.

**Reason:** To adhere to Maritime Safety Legislation and to protect human health and marine users.

9. A notification must be sent to The Source Data Receipt team, UK Hydrographic Office (email: [sdr@ukho.gov.uk](mailto:sdr@ukho.gov.uk) ) of commencement of the licensed activities, at least 10 days before commencement of the works. The information supplied must include the start date and end date, a description of the works, positions of the work area (WGS84), and details of any marking arrangements. [MLComplianceandEnforcement@daera-ni.gov.uk](mailto:MLComplianceandEnforcement@daera-ni.gov.uk) must be copied into all notifications.

**Reason:** To adhere to Maritime Safety Legislation and to protect human health and marine users.

10. The Licensee(s) must ensure invasive species biosecurity measures are in place for all stages of the works and for all equipment used. A copy of the biosecurity plan should be submitted to [Marine.Wildlife@daera-ni.gov.uk](mailto:Marine.Wildlife@daera-ni.gov.uk), for approval at least **4 weeks** prior to works commencing. [MLComplianceandEnforcement@daera-ni.gov.uk](mailto:MLComplianceandEnforcement@daera-ni.gov.uk) must be copied in on the correspondence.

**Reason:** To prevent the introduction and minimise the spread of marine invasive Non-Native Species.

**During the Licensing Activity**

11. In the event of a discovery of an archaeological object and/or remains during the works the licensee(s) must: (1) record the position and details of the site; (2) cease work and (3) report your discovery to and contact [MLComplianceandEnforcement@daera-ni.gov.uk](mailto:MLComplianceandEnforcement@daera-ni.gov.uk) immediately so further advice may be sought.

**Reason:** To ensure that historic monuments and archaeological objects are protected.

12. In the event of a discovery of wreck material during the works, the Licensee must report it to the 'Receiver of Wreck' (Maritime and Coastguard Agency) **within 28 days**. The licensee(s) must: (1) record the position and details of the site; (2) cease work and (3) report your discovery to and contact [MLComplianceandEnforcement@daera-ni.gov.uk](mailto:MLComplianceandEnforcement@daera-ni.gov.uk) immediately so further advice may be sought.

**Reason:** To ensure that recovered wreck material is declared and dealt with appropriately.

**Upon Completion of the Licensed Activity**

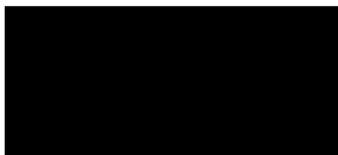
13. The Licensee(s) must inform the licensing authority at [MLComplianceandEnforcement@daera-ni.gov.uk](mailto:MLComplianceandEnforcement@daera-ni.gov.uk) of the finishing date of the licensed work within **28 days** of completion.

14. A notification must be sent to The Source Data Receipt team, UK Hydrographic Office, (email: [sdr@ukho.gov.uk](mailto:sdr@ukho.gov.uk)) on completion of the licensed activities, no later than 10 working days after their completion. The information provided must include latitude and longitude coordinates in WGS84 (ETRS89) datum of the installed works on and/or above the seabed, any changes to engineering drawings, post dredge surveys, details of new or changed aids to navigation where applicable. [MLComplianceandEnforcement@daera-ni.gov.uk](mailto:MLComplianceandEnforcement@daera-ni.gov.uk) must be copied into all notifications.

**Reason:** To adhere to Maritime Safety Legislation and to protect human health and marine users

15. The Licensee(s) shall, within eight weeks after the completion of the licensed works, make a written report to the licensing authority stating the quantity, description and location of all materials dredged under the authority of this licence. This report is to be submitted to [MLComplianceandEnforcement@daera-ni.gov.uk](mailto:MLComplianceandEnforcement@daera-ni.gov.uk)

Signed on behalf of the Department:



Dated: 12/05/2026

**NOTE:**

(1) The licensing authority would advise that this licence does not negate the licensees' responsibility to gain any other environmental or access permissions that may be required to progress the works.

(2) Under Part 4, Chapter 1, paragraph 72 of the **Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009**, the licensing authority may revoke, vary or suspend this licence if it appears to the authority that the holder is in breach of a condition included in it, or if it appears to the authority that the licence ought to be varied, suspended or revoked because of a change of circumstances relating to the marine environment or human health, including a change in scientific knowledge. A revocation, variation or suspension may also be enforced in the interests of safety of navigation.

(3) A person who deposits material in contravention of the terms of a licence is guilty of an offence under Section 85 of the Act. It is a defence under paragraph 86 (1) for a person charged with such an offence to prove 'force majeure'. However, they are also required to prove that they took steps within a reasonable time to inform the licensing authority of all details pertaining to the incident contained in paragraph 86 (2). The licensing authority shall be obliged to report force majeure cases immediately to the OSPAR Commission.

(4) Attention is drawn to the necessity of complying where appropriate with the **Radioactive Substances Act 1960**, the **Prevention of Oil Pollution Act 1971** and to the **Merchant Shipping (Dangerous Goods) (Amendment) Rules 1968**.

(5) If within 28 days of the issue of a licence the person to whom it was issued requests the licensing authority to give him notice in writing of the reasons for the inclusion of any provision in it, the Authority shall comply with his request within 28 days of receiving it.

(6) Anyone who fails to comply with a condition on a Marine Licence commits an offence under Section 85 of the **Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009**, and may be subject to enforcement action. Possible enforcement actions are compliance notices, remediation notices, fixed monetary penalties and variable monetary penalties. In the worst cases, a person found guilty of an offence on summary conviction may be subject to a fine not exceeding £50,000. In addition, a person found guilty of an offence on conviction on indictment, to a fine or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years or to both. Further details can be found at our guidance note

<https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/publications/dae/marine-licensing-guidance-enforcement-under-part-4-marine-and-coastal-access-act%2C-2009-may-2016.pdf>

## **INFORMATIVES:**

### **Maritime & Coastguard Agency advice on Navigational Safety**

- Bunding and/or storage facilities must be installed to contain and prevent the release of fuel, oils, and chemicals associated with plant, refuelling and construction equipment, into the marine environment.

### **The Commissioners for Irish Lights**

- If buoys are deployed to monitor turbidity during dredging, a Statutory Consent under Section 199(2) of the Merchant Shipping Act of 1995 will be required from Irish Lights prior to deployment of the buoy(s). This Statutory Consent will be applied for by the applicant through the Local Lighthouse Authority who in this case is Mid & East Antrim Borough Council.

### **DAERA advice on preventing water pollution**

- The Licensee(s) should comply with all the relevant NIEA Standing Advice documents and Guidance for Pollution Prevention (PPG/GPPs) available at: <https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/publications/standing-advice-development-may-have-effect-water-environment-including-groundwater-and-fisheries>
- The Licensee(s) must ensure that any contaminated material is transported by a licensed waste carrier, and that all relevant waste authorisations are obtained for the treatment and disposal of any contaminated material.

### **DAERA advice on protection of archaeological objects**

- The Licensee(s) attention is drawn to Article 42 of the **Historic Monuments and Archaeological Objects (NI) Order 1995** that requires finders of archaeological objects to report within 14 days to a relevant authority.
- White Harbour is a B2 listed structure. The Licensee is advised that the authorised works must be carried out with due regard to the special interest of the listed harbour.

### **DAERA advice on recovery of wreck material**

- The Licensee(s) must report any recovered wreck material to the Receiver of Wreck (Maritime and Coastguard Agency) in accordance with the **Merchant Shipping Act 1995**.

### **DAERA advice on marine litter**

- Any marine litter collected during the proposed works must be appropriately disposed of, to prevent litter entering the marine environment and adversely impacting Marine Protected Areas.

### **DAERA Marine Conservation informative**

- Adhere to [DAERA Pollution Standing Advice](#) and best practice construction methods (a CEMP is expected to manage this as well as waste management)

- No fuel/oil should be stored close to the water. Any fueling and storage required will only occur at a non-hydrologically linked location using a buffer of at least 10m.
- Adhere to [DAERA Marine Wildlife Disturbance Guidance](#)
- We advise adherence to the [DAERA Marine Litter Standing Advice](#) to reduce the risk of marine litter entering the environment.
- Implement [biosecurity protocols](#) to prevent the introduction and/or spread of invasive species for the proposal and all equipment used.
- Adhere to [Marine Non-Native Invasive Non-Native Species Guidance](#).
- Implement [Check Clean Dry](#) procedures regularly for all equipment, vessels, and machinery at a non-hydrologically linked location. Where possible cleaning should be conducted with Virkon and hot (>60°C) freshwater because Virkon is not effective against all marine invasive non-native species (INNS).
- Develop a contingency plan prior to works/activity, outlining procedures if INNS are encountered. Provide staff/surveyors with [INNS identification guides](#). Report any suspected INNS to DAERA Marine & Fisheries Division and CEDaR. Do not return INNS or water used for cleaning to the marine environment—dispose INNS via landfill or incineration.

### **DAERA Marine Licensing informative**

- Any person authorised by the licensing authority will be permitted to inspect the licensed activity at any reasonable time.
- The Licensee(s) must ensure that copies of the licence are available for inspection by any authorised Enforcement Officer at:
  - a. The premises of the Licensee(s)
  - b. The premises of the operating facility
  - c. The site of the works (including on board vessels)

### **Further Information**

- Refer to [DAERA Marine Map Viewer](#) for details on protected areas, habitats, species, marine mammals, INNS and Regional Seascape Character Areas.
- Check the [DAERA Protected Areas site](#) for details on MPAs.
- Refer to [DAERA Protected Areas Monitoring Results](#) for details on MPA feature condition status.
- Check the [Marine Life Information Network](#) for habitat sensitivities.
- [Invasive species identification guides Northern Ireland](#)
- [Cetacean Sightings and Strandings around NI coastline](#)

### **DAERA Standing Advice**

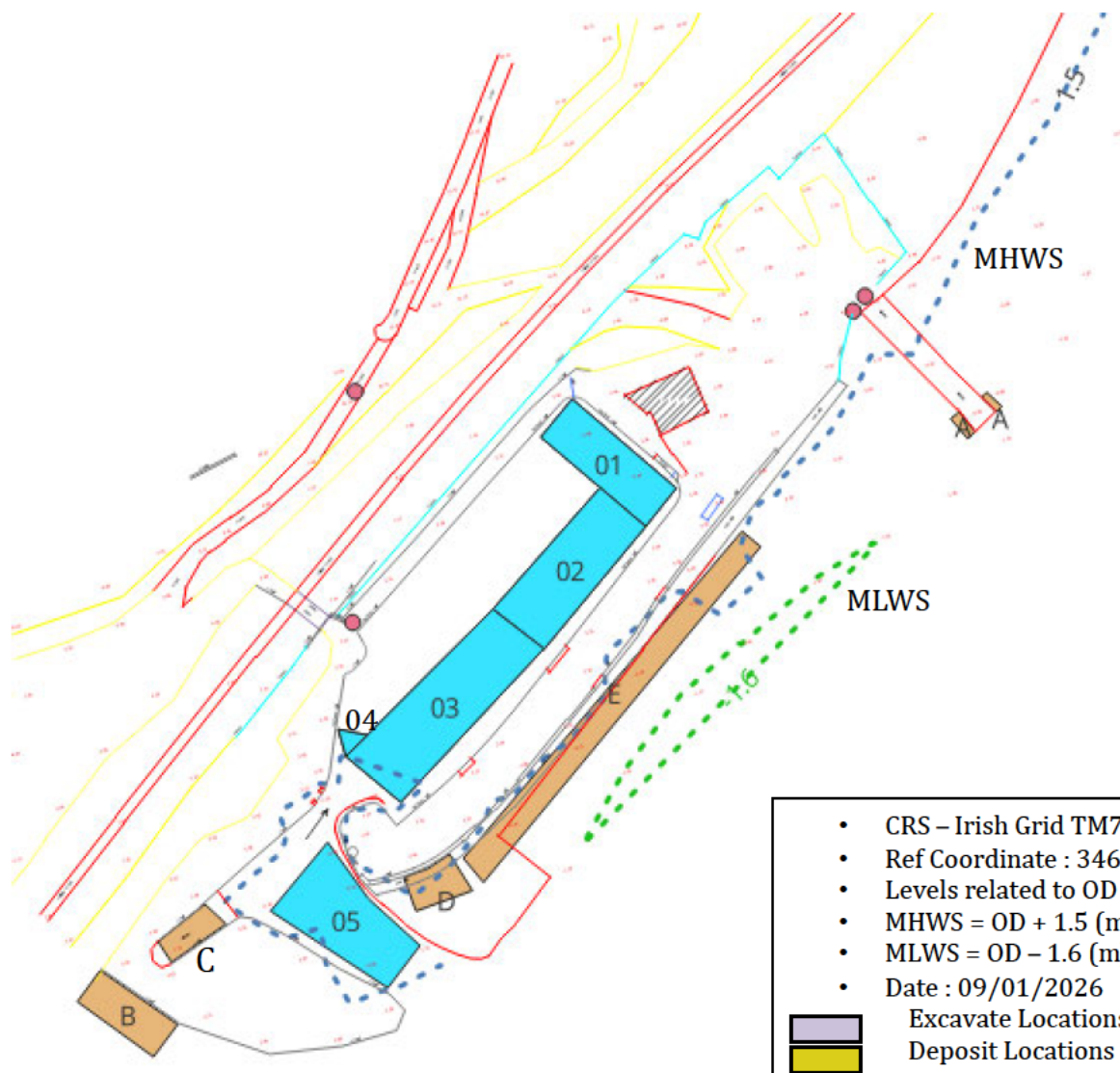
The applicant's attention is drawn to the following links which provide standing advice to be considered:

- [DAERA Pollution Standing Advice](#)
- [DAERA Marine Litter Standing Advice](#)
- [DAERA Marine Invasive Non-native Species Guidance](#)
- [DAERA Marine Wildlife Disturbance Guidance](#)

- [Check Clean Dry](#)
- [Decisions affected by marine policy - authorisation decisions](#)
- [DAERA Standing advice for development that may have an effect on the water environment \(including groundwater and fisheries\)](#)
- [DAERA Culverting Standing Advice](#)
- [DAERA Discharges to the water environment Standing Advice](#)
- [DAERA Sustainable Drainage Systems Standing Advice](#)

**APPENDIX A – Location of works**





- CRS – Irish Grid TM75
  - Ref Coordinate : 346873, 390584
  - Levels related to OD (Belfast MSL)
  - MHWS = OD + 1.5 (m)
  - MLWS = OD - 1.6 (m)
  - Date : 09/01/2026
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|  | Excavate Locations |
|  | Deposit Locations  |