

# Dredging in the Territorial Sea and Controlled Waters Adjacent to Northern Ireland

## Marine Licensing

**Important:** before completing this form, please read these notes carefully.

The following numbered paragraphs correspond to the questions on the application form and are intended to assist applicants in completing the form. These explanatory notes are specific to this application and so applicants are advised to read these in conjunction with the General Marine Licensing Guidance document. However it may be that these notes do not fully cover all the questions that you may have. If further clarification is needed please telephone us on

028 90569247 or email

[MarineLicensingTeam@daera-ni.gov.uk](mailto:MarineLicensingTeam@daera-ni.gov.uk)

For fees categories please see Marine Licensing Fees Addendum

For further Guidance please refer to Marine Licensing Guidance for Applicants

## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### 1. Project Title

Enter the name of the project.

Indicate the location of the dredge project using Latitude and Longitude co-ordinates in degrees and minutes to one decimal point of a minute provided. Any reference distances at sea should be in nautical miles, and on land should be in miles unless otherwise stated.

#### Attachments required.

You must provide a red line diagram of the proposed dredging location on an admiralty chart.

### 2. Applicant

The person, company or organisation making the application. (The licensee will be the contractor actually carrying out the dredging activity).

### 3. Agent

Any person, company or organisation involved in the operations. For example, they may be engaged to act under contract or other agreement on behalf of any party listed in the answer to questions 2-4 and having responsibility for the control, or management of the dredging anywhere below the tidal limit of mean high water springs (MHWS). (e.g. a consultant submitting the application.)

### 4. Details of Current/Previous Licence

Enter the appropriate details for any current dredging licence. If you have previously held a licence in respect of this operation, but no current licence exists, please provide the details for the most recently expired licence. If you have no knowledge of any previous licence, please enter "not applicable" (or "N/A").

### 5. Duration of Dredging Operation

Details of the proposed commencement and completion dates of the operation should be included. A licence will normally be valid for 12 months.

### 6. Details of Disposal Operation

If the dredged material in this application is to be disposed of at sea, a Marine Sea Disposal licence will be required. Please indicate if a sea disposal licence has been applied for, and the associated licence application number if available.

## **7. Method Statement**

Please include a full method statement of the dredging operation. This should include details of proposed timings of dredging operations, full bathymetric information (existing and proposed dredge levels), method of dredging (i.e. backhoe, grab, floating plant, causeway). Also information on how the material will be removed from the dredge site will need to be included in the application.

## **8. Description of proposed dredged material.**

The applicant should indicate the following:

- Amount of material to be dredged in metric tonnes. A conversion factor of 1.4 tonnes/m<sup>3</sup> should be used for maintenance dredging and 1.6 tonnes/m<sup>3</sup> for capital dredging.
- Type of Material: whether the material is considered to be 'capital' or 'maintenance'
  - Capital: material from an area to be dredged down to a level not previously dredged during the preceding 10 years.
  - Maintenance: unconsolidated material which has been removed to maintain existing charted depths for navigational purposes.
- Nature of Material Please provide a description of where the dredge material has originated, e.g. river bed, sea, harbour, approach channel, estuary.

## **9. Chemical Analysis of Dredged Material**

Please indicate whether material from the localised area has been chemically analysed within the past 3 years. If yes provide details (locations, dates and laboratory that carried out the analysis) please provide results on separate sheets. Please note that any delay in providing analysis results is liable to extend the time required to consider your application.

If the material has not been chemically analysed within the previous 3 years, contact should be made with DAERA Marine and Fisheries Division. Marine and Fisheries Division will provide details of number of samples to be lifted, sample points and depth of samples. Analysis requirements attached as Appendix I.

## **10. Construction/Land Reclamation Projects**

Please indicate in the answer to this question if the dredging operation is to be associated with any other project involving the placement of material in the sea (e.g. beach nourishment, marine/harbour construction operations, land reclamation, installation of outfalls etc.) If this is the case, please indicate if a separate Marine Construction/Land Reclamation/Beach Replenishment licence application has been made.

## **11. Consultation with Conservation Bodies**

Consenting authorities have a duty to ensure that any operations will not have a significant adverse environmental impact, particularly upon designated conservation areas (e.g. Areas of Special Scientific Interest (ASSIs)/Special Area of Conservation (SAC), Special Protection Area (SPA)/RAMSAR sites etc) listed under The Conservation (Natural Habitats, etc.) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007. If the applicant (particularly if they have statutory powers for consenting aspects of these works) has already been in consultation with the appropriate nature conservation body – NIEA, Natural Environment Division, please supply any response that they may have given.

## **12. Designated Conservation Areas**

Indicate whether the proposed works are located within or close to the boundaries of a conservation area such as an ASSI, SAC, SPA or Ramsar Site.

## **13. Statutory Consenting Powers**

Please describe in the answer to this question what (if any) statutory responsibilities you (or your client) have to consent any aspect of the sea disposal operations. This is particularly likely to apply to harbour or local authorities.

## **14. Environmental Assessment**

Please indicate whether any environmental assessment has been carried out in respect of the proposed dredging operation, either under your own powers or as required by another authority. If such an assessment has been undertaken, please indicate if a copy has been provided with your application. If the statement/assessment has been completed but is not available, please provide an explanation in the box provided.

Additionally please also give detail regarding if and where a copy has been made/is being made available for public inspection.

## **Other Considerations**

Please ensure that you have:

- Completed **all** appropriate sections of the application form
- Signed and dated the declaration
- Provided the relevant documentation, charts and continuation sheets and

Enclosed the correct payment (refer to fees addendum) or paid by means of BACS (if appropriate)

**Otherwise your application will be delayed or returned to you.**

**Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 (Part 4 Marine Licensing)**

**Application to dredge in the Territorial Sea and UK Controlled Waters Adjacent to Northern Ireland**

(e.g. Capital or Maintenance Dredging)

**It is the responsibility of the applicant to obtain any other consents or authorisations that may be required**

**Under Part 4 (Chapter 5) of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009, information contained within or provided in support of this application will be placed on the public register unless DAERA's Marine and Fisheries Division (as the licensing authority) approves the applicant's reasons for withholding all or part thereof.**

**Public Register**

Is there any information contained within or provided in support of this application that you consider should not be included on the Public Register on the grounds that its disclosure:

2. would be contrary to the interests of national security      Yes       No
3. would prejudice to an unreasonable degree your or some other person's commercial interests or those of a third party?      Yes       No

If **Yes**, to either (a) or (b), please provide full justification as to why all or part of the information you have provided should be withheld.

N/A

## 1. Project Title

Please give a brief identifiable description, including the location of the proposed dredging works.

**The National Trust wish to apply to renew a previous Marine License (Ref ML2022001) granted for the dredging of a section of the sea & riverbed that are accessed by the slipway at the above location. This is to enable recreational use of the slipway by members of the local community and watersports enthusiasts, by keeping the waterway navigable.**

**The area proposed to be dredged comprises of approximately 1500m<sup>3</sup>, to be completed during low spring tides and carried out by a digger not exceeding 15T in weight. Dredged material will be loaded onto tractor-towed trailers and dumped within the same sediment cell (contingent upon sediment sampling being completed beforehand), on the nearby Cushendun beach as beach nourishment – this follows the previous methods used and a full method statement will be provided on application form. Total of dredged material is expected to mirror previous amounts, at approximately 2000T. We are currently assessing the coastal processes within Cushendun bay, which may lead to us following new guidance as to how to sustainably manage the processes within the bay.**

**The proposed site does not contain any land designated for nature, however the closest marine protected area is the Red Bay SAC, which is adjacent to the area.**

## 2. Applicant Details

Title (e.g. Mr/Mrs Miss/Dr)	<input type="text"/>	Initials	<input type="text"/>	Surname	<input type="text"/>
Trading title (if appropriate)	<input type="text" value="National Trust"/>				
Address: (Inc Postcode)	<input type="text" value="Glenmona House, 10 Glendun Rd, Cushendun, Ballymena,&lt;br/&gt;Co. Antrim, BT44 0PX"/>				
Name of contact: (if different from above)	<input type="text"/>				
Telephone number: (inc. code)	<input type="text"/>				
Email address:	<input type="text"/>				
Company Registration number	<input type="text" value="GB-CHC-205846"/>				

## 3. Agent Details (if appropriate)

Title (e.g. Mr/Mrs Miss/Dr)	<input type="text"/>	Initials	<input type="text"/>	Surname	<input type="text"/>
Trading Title (If different from above)	<input type="text"/>				
Business Address:	<input type="text"/>				

Name of contact:  
(if different from above)

Position within company  
(if appropriate)

Telephone number:  
(inc. code)

Email address:

Company Registration No.

#### 4. Details of Current/Previous Licence

Licence Reference Number

ML2022001

Expiry Date

28/07/2025

#### 5. Duration of Dredging Operation

When is the dredging operation proposed to commence?

Spring Tides May  
2026

When is the dredging operation proposed to be completed?

4 days post  
commencement

#### 6. Details of Disposal Operation

Has a Marine Sea Disposal Licence been applied for Yes/No

No

Associated Marine Sea Disposal Licence Application number

N/A

## 7. Method Statement for dredging operation

The sediment at Cushendun Harbour will be dredged and relocated to the nearby Cushendun beach in accordance with the following method statement.

1. During suitable low spring tidal windows, a suitably sized mechanical digger not exceeding 15T operated by an experienced and competent driver will be used to dredge approximately 1500m<sup>3</sup> of sediment material from the harbour slipway.
2. Dredged material will be loaded onto a tractor and trailer and transported approximately 85m to Cushendun Beach
3. The material will then be deposited along the upper beach profile over a 450m<sup>2</sup> area to ensure the sediment remains within the same sediment cell.

Given the small volume of material to be removed from the slipway and river, it is expected that the proposed work detailed above will not exceed approximately 4 working days.

If necessary, please continue on a separate sheet and tick this box

## 8. Description of proposed dredged material

Type of Material (delete as appropriate)

Maintenance

Amount of Material to be deposited (metric tonnes) ...**1500m<sup>3</sup>**.....

Nature of Material i.e. River Bed,

Sea Harbour, Approach Channel, Estuary      River Bed and Sea Harbour

Description of area from where dredge material has originated

Co-ordinates (Lat/Long)

**55.125333°N 6.041399°W**

Depth of Material to be Removed (m)

C.2m.....

Date Last Dredged

Spring Tides in June 2025.....

## 9. Chemical Analysis of Dredged Material

Has the proposed dredged material been chemically analysed in the previous 3 years? (delete as appropriate) **Yes**

\*\* If Yes please provide the details below.

Location of sampling for analysis **4 Surface and 3 at 1.5 Depth ( see report)**

Date analysis carried out 16/04/2025 Samples collected 28/04/2025

Samples received at the Laboratory

*\*\*Please attach results to this application*

## 10. Construction/Land Reclamation Projects

Do you intend to apply for, or have applied for a marine construction licence as part of the works? (e.g. harbour works, land reclamation, installation of outfalls etc.)

**Yes**

If Yes, please indicate the location of the proposed works and a give a brief description below.

See attached map this was covered under the Dredging Licence in the last two iterations – the sand is clean sand and would be used for beach renourishment as the seawall currently prevents natural flow of the sand coming into the harbour reaching the beach so we would recreating this natural process as recommended in the recent coastal processes report  
(attached)

## 11. Consultation with Conservation Bodies

Please provide details of any consultation that has taken place with Natural Heritage (NH) of NIEA, and if appropriate include copies of any correspondence with your application.

## 12. Designated Conservation Areas

Are any parts of the sea disposal operations located within the boundaries of a designated conservation area?

**Yes**  **No**

If **No**, and the boundary of the nearest such site is within 5kilometres, please indicate approximate distance of the disposal operation from this boundary.

0.5 kms

### 13. Statutory Consenting Powers

Do you, or (if appropriate) your client, have statutory powers to consent any aspect of this project?

**Yes**  **No**

If **Yes**, please give details

### 14. Environmental Assessment

Has an environmental assessment been undertaken to support any application in respect of the works, your own statutory powers (if applicable) or any other reason? **Yes**  **No**

If **Yes**, is a copy of the assessment included with this application? **Yes**  **No**

If the assessment has been undertaken but has not been included with the application, please provide an explanation below.

We have carried out research into the Coastal Processes in Cushendun Bay and the report is attached. In addition there is now ongoing work with the community through the PEACEPLUS CMAP project to look at coastal adaptation in the bay and how it should be managed in the future.

Is the environmental assessment available for public inspection?

**Yes**

**No**

If **Yes** at what locations:

## Declaration

I declare that the information given in this form and related papers is to the best of my knowledge and belief true.

**WARNING**  
**It is an offence under the Act under which this application is made to fail to disclose information or to provide false or misleading information.**

Signature of applicant:  
(or agent acting on behalf of applicant)

[REDACTED]

Date:

25/03/2026

Name (Block Letters):

[REDACTED]

Position within company:  
(if applicable)

Coastal Advisor

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