



Marine Licence Variation - Request Form

Variation Requested By:	
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Request Date	Current Licence(s) to be varied (ML number/Condition Number)
11/05/2026	ML2024020 Condition 23 No dredging works are to be carried out between 17th May and 15th September inclusive, due to the designated bathing season.
What do you want to vary on your current licence(s)?	
We seek permission to undertake dredging works between the dates of 17 th May 2026 and the 31 st May 2026	
Why do you wish to request a variation your licence(s) in this way?	
The maintenance dredging works at Portrush Harbour are currently ongoing with approximately 5,500m³ of the 7,000m³ of material removed to date and disposed of at the "Portstewart Bay B" disposal site. The dredging works are being undertaken by Foyle Marine Dredging, who estimate that there is a further 5-6 days worth of dredging required in order to remove the remaining 1,500m³ and achieved the design levels. Unfortunately, the progress of the dredging works has been significantly hampered to date due to adverse wind conditions causing sea swells in the outer harbor area larger than what the dredging plant can safely operate in. As such the productivity of the dredging plant has been lower than what was programmed for. The forecast for this week does not provide favorable conditions for the completion of the works prior to the 17th May date stated in Condition 23, however the long range forecast for the following weeks (WC 18th May) does indicate favorable sea conditions to complete the works. We therefore request for an extension of the dredging period to the 31st May 2026. The extension of the licence by 2 weeks to the 31st May will enable the completion of the remaining 1,500m³ of dredging, however we do appreciate that it means dredging operations occurring during the bathing season.	



We would highlight that during the 2018 dredging works Marine division agreed to the undertaking by CCGBC of the full dredge campaign of circa 7,000m³ during the bathing season in the month of June (2018).

To support the approval of dredging during the bathing season, CCGBC commissioned RPS to undertake a water quality hydrodynamic modelling study to determine the impact of the dredging operations on the bathing waters of the West Strand. The conclusion of the study was that dredging undertaken at Portrush harbor during the spring tide cycle was acceptable as the predicted levels of suspended solids in the West Strand area would be limited by the stronger tidal currents to a maximum of between 40 to 45 mg/l.

During WC18th May (2026) the tides will be in their spring cycle. As such we would request that the dredging contractor is permitted to continue works during the spring tide cycle to complete the remaining 1,500m³ of dredging.

What date would the variation to the licence(s) come into effect?

17th May 2026

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☒ I acknowledge that this request and any resulting advice may be disclosed as part of any related Freedom of Information request.

☐ I do not wish this request and any resulting advice disclosed as part of any related Freedom of Information request for the following reasons:

Public Register

Under section 101 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 DAERA must maintain a register of activities where it is the appropriate licensing authority. Information contained within or provided in support of this application will be placed on the DAERA Public Register. Section 101(5) of the Act prohibits inclusion in the register of certain information on the ground of national security or commercial confidentiality.

Is there any information in your application (including any supporting documents) that you believe should be withheld from the Public Register?

☐ Yes; Please provide details:

☒ No

Submitted by:

Name: [REDACTED]

Environment, Marine & Fisheries Group

Marine & Fisheries Division

Marine Licensing Branch



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Signed: [Redacted Signature]

Date: 11/05/2026

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Date variation request received:	
MLVar Reference Number:	
ML CM Container Reference:	
MLVar Fee / Payment:	<i>Not currently applicable</i>
Marine Licensing Case Officer:	
Date allocated:	