RE: Dumping at Sea Permit Application Re: Drogheda Port Company

Dear Captain Donnelly

I am to refer to a submission received on 23 November 2012 from the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, in relation to the application for a Dumping at Sea Permit reference number S0015-02, by Drogheda Port Company.

I am to advise that this correspondence will be treated as a submission and will be taken into account when determining the application. In accordance with Section 5A(5) of Dumping at Sea Acts 1996, as amended, I am now forwarding a copy of this submission to you for comment.

You have 21 days to forward any observations/comments to the Agency for consideration in accordance with Section 5A(6) of the Dumping at Sea Acts 1996, as amended.

Please direct any further correspondence in relation to this matter to the undersigned, Environmental Licensing Programme, Office of Climate, Licensing & Resource Use, Environmental Protection Agency, Headquarters, P.O. Box 3000, Johnstown Castle Estate, County Wexford.

Yours sincerely,

Eve O’Sullivan
Programme Officer
Environmental Licensing Programme

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Subject: Dumping at Sea Permit application by Drogheda Port Company (Reg. No. S0015-02)
Attachments: S0015-02 Nature conservation reply to supplementary info.pdf

From: Manager Dau [mailto:Manager.Dau@ahq.gov.ie]
Sent: 23 November 2012 10:38
To: Tara Higgins
Subject: RE: Dumping at Sea Permit application by Drogheda Port Company (Reg. No. S0015-02)

Tara,

I refer to your notification with respect to supplementary information received from the applicant, please find hereunder nature conservation observations and recommendations of the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, for consideration by your Authority.

Emmet Deegan,
Development Applications Unit,
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From: Tara Higgins [mailto:T.Higgins@epa.ie]
Sent: 14 November 2012 15:48
To: Manager Dau
Cc: Eve O’Sullivan; Bea Claydon
Subject: Dumping at Sea Permit application by Drogheda Port Company (Reg. No. S0015-02)

Dear Mr Deegan,

Re: Dumping at Sea Permit application by Drogheda Port Company (Reg. No. S0015-02)

I refer to the above application for a Dumping at Sea Permit, which is currently under assessment by the Agency. Further to the nature conservation observations and recommendations made by your Department on 3rd October 2012, a response was received from the applicant on 11th October 2012 which included supplementary information. A copy of this response and supplementary information can be viewed on the EPA website at: http://www.epa.ie/licences/liceDMS/090151b280462b07.pdf

If the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht wishes to make further observations in relation to this application, you can forward them to me by email.

Kind regards,

Tara Higgins
From: Manager Dau [mailto:Manager.Dau@ahg.gov.ie]
Sent: 03 October 2012 15:47
To: Wexford Receptionist
Cc: Tara Higgins
Subject: Re: Dumping at Sea Licence ref: S0015-02 by Drogheda Port Company at Drogheda Port

A Chára,
I refer to your notification with respect to the above proposed development application, please find hereunder nature conservation observations and recommendations of the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, for consideration by your Authority.

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23/11/2012

Our Ref: E00109/2012
Your Ref. S0015-02

Environmental Protection Agency,
Office of Climate, Licensing & Resource Use,
Headquarters,
Johnstown Castle Estate
County Wexford.

Re: Dumping at Sea Licence ref: S0015-02 by Drogheda Port Company at Drogheda Port.

A Chara,

I refer to your notification with respect to supplementary information received by your authority on the 11th October 2012, please find hereunder nature conservation observations and recommendations of the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, for consideration by your Authority.

The marine mammal ecologist of the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht has reviewed the documentation sent on by the EPA and contends that the Risk Assessment undertaken in this instance is welcome and is roughly along the lines of the approach promoted in the Department’s Guidance (Draft). Our marine mammal ecologist considers that its conclusion [i.e., Consent without Mitigation] is appropriate in this case given the general shallow riverine/estuarine location of the dredging proposed, our current knowledge of marine mammal occurrence in proximity to the Boyne river and estuary, and the absence of known sensitive areas for marine mammals in this inshore region.

Kindly forward any further information received or in the event of a decision being made a copy of same should be referred to the following address:

The Manager,
Development Applications Unit (DAU),
Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht,
Newtown Road,
Wexford

Alternatively, documentation associated with the above can be referred electronically to the DAU at the following address:
In addition, please acknowledge receipt of these observations by return.

"Please note the change to e-mail addresses, which take effect from 12:00pm on Monday, 15th August 2011"

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