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Ref DO212-01 Mr Mc Guinness,

Sorry for the confusion here, the question of ownership was whether not the 'Crown Estate' had ownership, in this instance the Crown own the majority of the foreshore and seased of the River and Lough Foyle.

However, I would confirm that the Crown Estate are landowners of the foreshore and seabed only and do not own the water column nor have any control over the public rights of fishing or navigation. The Crown Estate also do not have any Regulatory Control nor Environmental powers which I understand would come under the control of Department of Regional Development (DRD) and Northern Ireland Environment Agency (NIEA).

If a pipe or such other structure were to pass across Crown land it would require Crown Estate Consent, as land owner, however if the Consent were granted it would be subject to rules and restrictions of all Statutory Regulatory or Environmental licences that were required.

I hope the above answers you questions, I have taken the liberty of copying this response to Fraser McConnell our Agent in Northern Ireland.

Kind regards.

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