

Our ref: ORML1957v2  
08 November 2022  
By email

Dear Saul Young,

## **MARINE AND COASTAL ACCESS ACT 2009: PART 4 – MARINE LICENSING**

### **LICENCE FOR MARINE ENERGY TEST AREA (META) PHASE 2 SITES: WARRIOR WAY, DALE ROADS AND EAST PICKARD BAY; WITHIN AND IN PROXIMITY TO THE MILFORD HAVEN WATERWAY, PEMBROKESHIRE**

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I am pleased to advise you that the Marine Licensing Team within Natural Resources Wales, on behalf of the Welsh Ministers, as Licensing Authority, has considered your submission received into the Marine Licensing Team on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022 requesting a complex variation relating to a Marine Licence under Part 4 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009, and hereby grant the Marine Licence for you to undertake the above stated works.

Accordingly, please find attached for your review and retention a copy of Marine Licence **ORML1957v2** and its conditions. Please note that Marine Licence **ORML1957v2** supersedes Marine Licence ORML1957v1 in its entirety.

The licence has been varied to alter the Project parameters specifically with regard to the anchor spreads at Dale Roads and Warrior Way locations and to include Conditions 3.32 and 3.33 to allow an increased speed and swept area for Marine Current Turbines testing at the Warrior Way location.

#### **Advisory Note**

Please note there is a permanent NRW marine monitoring station located 188m to the west of the Warrior Way site which is accessed by divers. NRW's diving operations in the vicinity of the Warrior Way site occur annually, typically starting early August to mid-September, usually over one or two days only. Divers have to dive over slack water, but the start and end of the diving period may occur during the end or the start of the tidal run. Use of both high and low water slack tide is made depending on which part of the site is being monitored. Therefore, as a result of the proposed variation, we advise that notification in writing to NRW and NRW's marine monitoring team of intention to deploy a device including, but not limited to, where and when the device will be operational, so that the risk can be minimised accordingly and accounted for within NRW monitoring Risk Assessments.

Furthermore, we strongly recommend taking into consideration and providing relevant notification to any industry monitoring campaigns that are being undertaken in the area; for example, it is our understanding that the Neyland Marina (Yacht Havens Ltd) disposal consent has a condition attached for regular monitoring of the site. We are also aware that The Milford Haven Waterway Environmental Surveillance Group (MHWESG) also sample in the vicinity of the META site.

Marine Licence, **ORML1957v2**, constitutes a statutory consent; therefore the conditions set out herein must be complied with in full and will be binding upon any agent or contractor who undertakes any activity on the project on your behalf.

Marine Licence, **ORML1957v2** is solely granted for the work to be undertaken with the area specified in the Licence; however, it does not absolve you from applying for further consents or licences as necessary to enable the full completion of your project.

If the works authorised by this Licence are unlikely to be completed by the expiry date, the Licence Holder should apply for a routine variation for a possible extension of the Licence period **at least 2 months** prior to the expiry date.

For a replacement marine licence or a formal complex variation, the Licence Holder should apply **at least 4 months** prior to the expiry date of this Licence.

Should you require clarification as to the reasons for the inclusion of any of the conditions attached to the Licence then you must request written notice within **28 days** of the receipt of this letter.

Finally, once again, please ensure you have read and understood Marine Licence ORML1957v2. Should you have any queries with regards to your Marine Licence then please do not hesitate to contact the Marine Licensing Team.

Following the UK's departure from the EU on 31 January 2020 and the end of the transition period on 31 December 2020, the legal obligations relating to compliance with environmental permits and legislation will continue to apply. NRW will continue to issue and regulate all permits and licenses in line with our current practice. If you have any questions about your permits or licenses and/or site management, please contact our Customer Care Centre on 03000 653 000.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Davies', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**Seran Davies**  
Marine Licensing Team  
Natural Resources Wales