

# Marine Licence with introductory note

The Marine and Coastal Access Act (2009)

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Aberaeron Harbour Maintenance Dredge  
Disposal

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### **Introductory note**

#### **This introductory note does not form a part of the marine licence**

The main features of the marine licence are as follows.

Disposal of material dredged from Aberaeron Harbour. Material to be dredged upon an area of Aberaeron South beach. Beach nourishment performed by means of land-based mechanical excavator at low tide.

The status log of the marine licence sets out the marine licence history, including any subsequent marine licence variation(s)

| <b>Status log of this marine licence</b> |                 |                                                     |
|------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Description</b>                       | <b>Date</b>     | <b>Comments</b>                                     |
| Application                              | 06 January 2023 | Application received and considered to be duly made |
| Date licence determined                  | 28 April 2023   | Determination date                                  |

#### **Related marine licences or applications under determination**

*Not applicable*

End of introductory note.

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## **MARINE LICENCE, NUMBER DML2302**

### **1 LICENCE DETAILS**

#### **1.1 Marine Licence**

This is a licence granted by the Licensing Authority in respect of an application numbered **DML2302** and duly made on **06 January 2023** and authorises the Licence Holder to carry on activities for which a licence is required under Part 4 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009, (2009 Act). This licence should be interpreted in accordance with **Section 4**.

#### **1.2 Licence Holder**

The Licence Holder is the organisation set out below:

**Organisation name:** Ceredigion County Council  
**Address:** Canolfan Rheidol, Rhodfa Padarn, Llanbadarn Fawr, Aberystwyth, Ceredigion SY23 3UE

#### **1.3 Licence Validity**

|                           |                         |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Licence Start Date</b> | <b>28 April 2023</b>    |
| <b>Licence End Date</b>   | <b>28 February 2028</b> |
| <b>Licence Issue Date</b> | <b>28 April 2023</b>    |

#### **1.4 Conditions**

This licence is subject to the conditions set out in **Section 3**.

**Signed:**



**Dr. Emmer Litt – Marine Licensing Team Leader**

For and on behalf of the Licensing Authority

## 2 LICENSED ACTIVITIES

### 2.1 Project

#### Aberaeron Harbour Maintenance Dredge Disposal

The following Licensed Activities can be conducted within the Licence Period, within the Licensed Area and in accordance with the Approved Application and the Approved Supporting Documents:

**Table 1 Licensed Activities**

| <b>Activity 1 Disposal of dredge sediment at Aberaeron Harbour in the form of beach nourishment</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                 |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Marine Licensable Activity Type                                                                     | Deposit                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                 |
| Description                                                                                         | Disposal of material dredged from Aberaeron Harbour. Material to be dredged upon an area of Aberaeron South beach. Beach nourishment performed by means of land-based mechanical excavator at low tide. |                 |
| Maximum Dredge Depth                                                                                | 0.5m Below Chart Datum                                                                                                                                                                                  |                 |
| Maximum Dredge volume and tonnage [for disposal only] for material to deposited under this licence  | Tonnage per year                                                                                                                                                                                        |                 |
|                                                                                                     | 3000                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                 |
| Maximum Deposit to Deposit Location [A]                                                             | Tonnage per year                                                                                                                                                                                        |                 |
|                                                                                                     | 3000                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                 |
| Deposit Location [A]                                                                                | Site Code:                                                                                                                                                                                              | Site Name:      |
|                                                                                                     | IS021                                                                                                                                                                                                   | New South Beach |
| Material Type [A]                                                                                   | Gravel, Sand and Silt                                                                                                                                                                                   |                 |

### 2.2 Licensed Area

The Licence Holder is only authorised to deposit material dredged from the area bounded by the coordinates specified in Table 2.

**Table 2 Coordinates for dredging in Dredge Zone 1**

| <b>Area 1 Dredge Zone</b>                               |
|---------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Ordnance Survey National Grid Reference OS (NGR)</b> |
| SN 45520 62987                                          |
| SN 45468 62919                                          |

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| SN 45670 62816 |
| SN 45700 62846 |

**The Licence Holder is authorised to conduct the deposit activities described in Table 1 bounded by the coordinates specified in Table 3.**

**Table 3 Permitted Deposit Locations**

| <b>Deposit Area [A]</b>                                 |
|---------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Ordnance Survey National Grid Reference OS (NGR)</b> |
| SN 45422 63018                                          |
| SN 45449 63000                                          |
| SN 45402 62915                                          |
| SN 45377 62923                                          |

**In the event of any discrepancy between the coordinates set out above and the plan attached at Appendix 1, the coordinates shall take precedence.**

### **2.3 Approved Supporting Documents**

| <b>Title/Description of Document</b>                                                           | <b>Date Submitted</b> |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| DML2302 - ED3446_23_Aberaeron Harbour Marine Licence Application Form.pdf                      | 03 January 2023       |
| DML2302 - ED3446.01.REV.Aberaeron_Harbour_Dredging_MAP.pdf                                     | 03 January 2023       |
| DML2302 - Ceredigion Council Newquay Harbour and Aberaeron Harbour PSA results 22-12-2022.xlsx | 03 January 2023       |
| DML2302 - ED3446__23_Aberaeron Harbour Dredging_Biosecurity Plan.pdf                           | 03 January 2023       |
| DML2302 - ED3446_23_Aberaeron Harbour Dredge & Disposal Plan.pdf                               | 03 January 2023       |
| DML2302 - ED3446_23_WFD & TLSE Report.pdf                                                      | 03 January 2023       |
| DML2302 - NRW PS Analysis Results Template_SP2213_Aberaeron.xlsm                               | 03 January 2023       |

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|---------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| DML2302 WNMP signposting document_DML2302.xlsx    | 31 March 2023 |
| DML2302 Tonnage and dredge depth confirmation.msg | 21 April 2023 |

### **3 CONDITIONS**

#### **Notification and Inspection**

##### **3.1 Notification of Commencement**

- 3.1.1** The Licence Holder must notify the Licensing Authority no less than **10 days** before the commencement of the Licensed Activities, or an individual phase of the Licensed Activities, is expected to commence.
- 3.1.2** The Licence Holder must notify Welsh Government Marine & Fisheries Division (Control & Enforcement Branch) no less than **10 days** before the commencement of the Licensed Activities, or an individual phase of the Licensed Activities, is expected to commence.
- 3.1.3** The Licence Holder must ensure that local mariners and fishermen's organisations are made fully aware of the Licensed Activities through local notices to mariners **10 days** prior to the commencement of the Licensed Activities.

##### **3.2 Notification of Vessels and/or Vehicles**

The Licence Holder must ensure that the details of the vessels and/or vehicles utilised to undertake the Licensed Activities are submitted to the Licensing Authority and Welsh Government Marine & Fisheries Division (Control & Enforcement Branch) at least **24 hours** prior to the commencement of the Licensed Activities.

##### **3.3 Notification of Agents/Contractors/Sub-contractors**

The Licence Holder must ensure that details of any agent(s), contractor(s) or sub-contractor(s) utilised to undertake the Licensed Activities are submitted to the Licensing Authority at least **24 hours** prior to the commencement of Licensed Activities.

##### **3.4 Notification of HM Coastguard**

The Licence Holder must ensure that HM Coastguard is made aware of the Licensed Activities at least **24 hours** prior to commencement by contacting The National Maritime Operations Centre at **zone29@hmcg.gov.uk**.

##### **3.5 Inspection of Licensed Activities**

The Licence Holder must allow Marine Enforcement Officers or any other person authorised by the Licensing Authority to inspect the Works at any reasonable time.

##### **3.6 Notification of Completion**

- 3.6.1** The Licence Holder must notify the Licensing Authority within **10 days** of completion of the Licensed Activities.
- 3.6.2** The Licence Holder must notify Welsh Government Marine & Fisheries Division (Control & Enforcement Branch) within **10 days** of completion of the Licensed Activities.

### **3.7 Accident or Emergency**

**3.7.1** If, by reason of force majeure any substances or articles are deposited otherwise than as permitted as part of the Licensed Activities or in the Licensed Area full details of the circumstances shall be notified to the Licensing Authority within **48 hours** of the incident occurring.

**3.7.2** If it is necessary for the Licence Holder to recover or remove any equipment, plant or machinery used to undertake the Licensed Activities that have been dropped as a result of an accident or emergency, the Licence Holder is permitted to do so provided that the methodology for such recovery or removal has been approved by the Licensing Authority.

### **3.8 Distribution of Copies of this Licence**

The Licence Holder is required to ensure that a copy of this Licence is given to:

- All agent(s), contractor(s) and sub-contractor(s) whose names have been provided to the Licensing Authority under condition 3.3 and
- The Masters of any vessels and transport managers responsible for the vehicles employed in accordance with this Licence whose details have been submitted to the Licensing Authority under condition 3.2.

### **3.9 Inspection of Documents**

Copies of this Licence shall be made available at the following locations:

- at the address of the Licence Holder specified in section 1.2;
- at any site office, located at or adjacent to the Licensed Area, used by the Licence Holder or its agent(s), contractor(s) or sub-contractor(s) responsible for the loading transportation or deposit of any substances or articles permitted as part of the Licensed Activities;
- on board each vessel or vehicle carrying out Licensed Activities.

The documents referred to in this Condition shall be available at all reasonable times for inspection by officers appropriately authorised by the Licensing Authority and authorised Marine Enforcement Officers at the locations stated in that paragraph.

### **Vessels, Plant and Equipment**

#### **3.10 Notified Contractors, Vessels and/or Vehicles only to Carry out Licensed Activities**

Only those agent(s), contractor(s), sub-contractor(s), vessels and/or vehicles whose details have been notified to the Licensing Authority may operate under the terms of this Licence. Any changes must be notified to and be approved by the Licensing Authority in writing prior to any such agent, contractor, subcontractors or vehicles carrying out any Licensed Activities pursuant to or otherwise operating under this Licence.

### **3.11 Refuelling of Plant and Equipment**

The Licence Holder must ensure that plant, vehicles and machinery are not refuelled on the foreshore or in the sea.

### **3.12 Equipment, Structures and Access**

The Licence Holder must ensure that all equipment, temporary structures, access tracks, waste and/or debris associated with the Licensed Activities are removed on completion of the Licensed activities.

## **Safety**

### **3.13 Removal of Deposited Material**

If the Licensing Authority considers it necessary or advisable for the safety of navigation, the Licence Holder must remove any deposit specified by the Licensing Authority or Marine Enforcement Officers within one month of notice being given by the Licensing Authority, and shall not replace such material until the Licensing Authority has given its written approval.

## **Pollution control**

### **3.14 Pollution Prevention**

The Licence Holder must ensure that pollution prevention best practice is adhered to at all times. Any incidents must be reported to the Licensing Authority as soon as possible using the hotline number **0300 065 3000**.

### **3.15 Spillage of Pollutants**

The Licence Holder must employ bunding, storage facilities and spill kits to contain and prevent the release of fuel, oils and chemicals associated with the plant, refuelling and construction equipment into the marine environment. Secondary containment must be used with a capacity of **no less than 110%** of the container's storage capacity

### **3.16 Prevention of Disposal of Man-made Debris**

The Licence Holder must ensure that all reasonable precautions are taken to prevent the disposal of man-made debris to the marine environment. Such material must be removed immediately and be disposed of appropriately. If it is not possible to prevent manmade debris from entering the marine environment during the Licensed Activities, the Licensed Activities must cease immediately.

### **3.17 Cleanliness of Equipment**

The Licence Holder must ensure that equipment, machinery and PPE are washed with freshwater and/or thoroughly airdried before deployment and before moving between locations.

### **Activity-specific Conditions**

#### **3.18 Sediment Sampling Plan**

The Licence Holder must request a sediment sampling plan from the Licensing Authority by **01 June 2027**, repeat every 5 years.

#### **3.19 Implementation of Sediment Plan**

The Licence Holder must ensure that the sampling is undertaken in accordance with the sampling plan described in condition 3.18 and is analysed at an NRW approved laboratory.

#### **3.20 Submission of Results of Sediment Sampling**

The Licence Holder must submit the written results of the sediment sampling undertaken pursuant to condition 3.18 for written approval by the Licensing Authority within two months of sampling taking place. This must include an outline of an assessment of alternative uses for the sediment that is to be disposed.

#### **3.21 Distribution of Material**

The Licence Holder must ensure that during the course of disposal, material is distributed evenly over Deposit Area [A].

#### **3.22 Construction, Alteration or Improvement – Returning to Original Profile**

The Licence Holder must ensure the area is returned to the original profile, or as close as reasonably practicable, following the completion of works.

#### **3.23 Reporting of Artefacts**

The Licence Holder must ensure that any artefacts accidentally recovered are retained and reported through the Marine Portable Antiquities Scheme. To ensure all archaeological finds are reported

#### **4 INTERPRETATION**

In this Licence terms are as defined in section 115 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act unless otherwise stated.

- (a) **"2009 Act"** means the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009;
- (b) **"Approved Application"** means the Marine Licence Application Form together with the Approved Supporting Documents;
- (c) **"Approved Supporting Documents"** means the documents supporting, or supplementary to, the Approved Application, submitted prior to the Licence Issue Date, listed in the Table at paragraph 2.3 above;
- (d) **"Commencement"** means the first undertaking of any Licensed Activities;
- (e) **"Force majeure"** may be deemed to apply when, due to stress of weather or any other cause, the master of a vessel determines that it is necessary to deposit the substances or articles because the safety of human life and/or of the vessel is threatened;
- (f) **"Licensed Activities"** means the activities authorised by this licence as specified in 2.1;
- (g) **"Licensed Area"** means the area within which Licensed Activities are authorised by this licence as specified in section 2.2;
- (h) **"Licence Holder"** means the person(s) or organisation(s) named in section 1.2 to whom this licence is granted;
- (i) **"Licence Period"** means the period beginning with the Licence Start Date and ending on the Licence End Date;
- (j) **"Licensing Authority"** means Natural Resources Wales acting on behalf of the Welsh Ministers;
- (k) **"Marine Enforcement Officers"** means the relevant officers appointed by Welsh Ministers under section 235 of the 2009 Act, contact details for whom are provided in section 5;
- (l) **"Marine Licence Application Form"** means the application form forming part of the application referred to in paragraph 1.1;
- (m) **"Method Statement"** means the Method Statement(s) forming part of the Approved Application or Approved Supporting Documents;

- (n) **“Works”** means any construction activities comprised in the Licensed Activities and, where the context permits, includes any plant, equipment or materials used to carry out those activities or operations but excludes monitoring, minor routine maintenance or other ongoing operational activities following completion of any construction activities;
- (o) all times shall be taken to be the time in Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) on any given day;
- (p) all co-ordinates shall be taken to be Ordnance Survey National Grid Reference OS (NGR)
- (q) in the event of any discrepancy between the coordinates listed in paragraph 2.2 and the plan attached at Appendix 1, the coordinates shall take precedence.

## **5 CONTACTS**

**Except where otherwise indicated, the primary point of contact with the Licensing Authority and the address for returns, correspondence and requests for variations of the licence is:**

Marine Licensing Team  
Natural Resources Wales  
Permitting Service  
29 Newport Road  
Cambria House  
Cardiff  
CF24 0TP

Tel: 0300 065 3000

Email: [marinelicensing@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk](mailto:marinelicensing@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk)

**Welsh Government Marine Enforcement Officers may be contacted at:**

Welsh Government  
Suite 3  
Cedar Court  
Haven's Head Business Park  
Milford Haven Pembrokeshire  
SA73 3LS

Tel: 03000253500

Email: [wfmccmpc@gov.wales](mailto:wfmccmpc@gov.wales)

Appendix 1

