

Maritime and Coastguard Agency

Sent: 04 May 2023 14:48

To: navigation safety <navigationsafety@mcga.gov.uk>

Subject: RE: NRW marine licence: Survey work at Port Talbot.

Dear Sam Chudley,

Thank you for your email, I can confirm that the below risk mitigations are accepted.

Thank you,

Katherine.

From: navigation safety <navigationsafety@mcga.gov.uk>

Sent: 04 May 2023 14:38

To: Katherine McGregor <katherine.mcgregor@abports.co.uk>

Subject: RE: NRW marine licence: Survey work at Port Talbot.

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Dear Katherine,

Thank you for the information regarding the proposed Survey work at Port Talbot.

We note that the works fall within the jurisdiction of a Statutory Harbour Authority (SHA) – ABP (Port Talbot) and therefore they are responsible for the safety of navigation within their waters.

Therefore, on the understanding that the following risk mitigation measures take place, we would be content that the risk to shipping and navigation is relatively low on this occasion:

Conditions:

1. All maritime safety legislation is complied with;

In addition, the following advice should be provided to the applicant to facilitate the proposed works:

Advisories:

1. The site is within port limits and the applicant should gain the approval/agreement of the responsible local navigation authority or the Harbour Authority/Commissioners/Council. They may wish to issue local warnings to alert those navigating in the vicinity to the presence of the works, as deemed necessary.

Can you confirm that you accept the above risk mitigations?

Kind Regards

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FW: NRW marine licence: Survey work at Port Talbot.



Katherine McGregor

To Emma Mungo



Wed 10/05/2023 12:49

Start your reply all with: [Yes, it is.](#) [Yes, that's fine.](#) [Yes, that works. Thank you!](#) [Feedback](#)

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Dear Katherine,

Many thanks for your email and attached method statement.

The marine licensing remit of the RCAHMW covers impacts to marine archaeology, rather than navigational risk or safety at sea. So I can only comment on any archaeological impact.

Thanks for the method statement with the details of the grab samples, that makes things much easier as I can compare that to the known wrecks in the National Monuments Record of Wales, and the wreck database held by the UKHO. There are no problems that I can see in terms of those locations.

There is one wreck, the STALHELM (UKHO 12508) a short distance to the west (I think its just on the edge of your chart) of location 2. Details here <https://coflein.gov.uk/en/site/274357/> but its outside of where you are working and seems well-charted by the UKHO in terms of its position, so should not be a problem.

We would always advise that there are a large number of wrecks around the coast of Wales whose location is unknown and we only have a documented loss location, which are often a little vague. One of these is the CAROLA, which was wrecked at the entrance to Port Talbot harbour in 1896 (<https://coflein.gov.uk/en/site/273982/>). Another is the THOMOS PEILE, lost in 1839 "near Port Talbot".

In the unlikely event that you encounter any archaeological material such as wooden remains, in the course of the benthic sampling, we would appreciate being informed directly as its helpful to be able to improve and enhance our knowledge of these 'missing' vessels and their possible locations.

Hopefully that covers everything, I think I missed a call from you, but if you need to discuss any of the above, my direct number (that isn't routed through a computer switchboard) is 07794871023

Yours

Julian



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Subject: RE: NRW Marine licence: Survey work at Port Talbot.

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Good morning Katherine,

I can confirm that Trinity House has no objections in regards to this application.

Kind regards,

Catherine Bransby

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TRINITY HOUSE

From: Katherine McGregor
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Subject: NRW Marine licence: Survey work at Port Talbot.

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are currently submitting a Natural Resources Wales (NRW) Band 1 (low risk) marine licence for some survey work at Port Talbot.

As part of the application it is a requirement according to the NRW guidance to 'Contact Trinity House to confirm if your activity is likely to have an impact on the safety of others at sea. You must have confirmation from Trinity House that your proposed works will not pose a risk to others prior to application'.

We are proposing to collect grabs (using a 1m² Day Grab) from twelve subtidal sample locations in the survey area (see attached). The samples will be analysed for benthic invertebrate composition and Particle Size Analysis (PSA). The survey will be undertaken over a two day period using a vessel.

The survey work in being undertaken on behalf on Associated British Ports, who are the Statutory Harbour Authority. The sampling area is within the Port and will be undertaken with full permission and necessary notifications to undertake the survey. The survey vessel will also adhere to all navigational guidelines and regulations set by ABP as the Statutory Harbour Authority to maintain navigational safety.

If you can confirm that based on the information provided and on the assumption that the survey vessel adheres to all navigational guidelines and regulations set by ABP as the Statutory Harbour Authority that the survey is not considered a navigational risk?

Regards,

Katherine.

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