

Apply for a band 1 marine licence

Is the estimated cost of your marine works project over £1 million?

Select
No

Will the work last longer than 12 months?

Select
No

Who should we contact about this application?

This form must be completed by someone who has authority to act on behalf of the applicant.	
We will contact you if we have any questions about this application.	
First name	Matthew
Last name	Green
Address line 1	Natural Resources Wales,
Address line 2 (optional)	Llandarcy,
Town or city	Neath Port Talbot,
County (optional)	-
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Phone number	0300 0354105
Your relationship to the applicant, for example 'consultant'	Applicant (Senior Specialist, Marine Environmental Assessment Officer, Marine Monitoring, Assessment & Reporting)

Tell us about the applicant

Is the applicant:
a public body

Tell us the public body details

Enter details

Public body name	Natural Resources Wales
Address line 1	Welsh Government Offices
Address line 2 (optional)	Cathays Park, King Edward VII Avenue
Town or city	Cardiff
County (optional)	-
Postcode	CF10 3NQ
Email	matthew.green@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk
Phone number	03000 654105

Have you had pre-application advice from us about this work?

Select

Yes

What is your pre-application advice reference?

You can find this on emails we have sent you.

It will begin with Q or PA

Q24167

Tell us about the work

What is the project title?

NRW Environmental Grab Sampling at Milford Haven Inner and Outer, Fishguard Bay and Caernarfon Bay

Briefly describe what you want to do

Natural Resources Wales and the Environment Agency intend to conduct environmental 0.1m² grab sampling (with the Environment Agency and Briggs Marine Contractors) in 3 areas (Milford Haven, Fishguard Bay and Caernarfon Bay) between March and April, 2025 (delays are possible). We have a sampling accuracy of around 25m. The survey will involve small scale underwater sediment grab sampling for invertebrates, with associated sediment particle size/chemistry sampling for standard WER (previously WFD) and Habitats Directive (regulation 9a) reporting purposes. We sample a small depth of sediment (up to 14 litres will be scooped in the most extreme cases) using a grab sampler with an area of 0.1m² at various target locations which are part of a fixed long term monitoring programme. Sampling target locations are indicative and may change slightly on the day (for example if there is an obstruction or sampling fails due to change of substrate).

When do you want the licence to start?

Band 1 licences are typically issued for one year, subject to consultation.

Make sure the date you provide is on or before the day you want to start carrying out the work.

Licence start date 18/02/2025

Tell us about your coordinates

We need to understand exactly where the work will happen through the coordinates you give us.

If you need to give us more than 10 coordinates, you must upload them in an Excel spreadsheet.

You can also upload a Shapefile if you have one.

Check how to give us coordinates (opens in a new tab).

Do you want to tell us about more than 10 coordinates?

Yes

Upload your coordinates

You can upload up to ten documents of 50MB each.

Select 'Choose file' each time

- File: Band1 March_April 2025 Target Positions.xlsx - [Download](#)

Upload your map

Your map must be scaled so we can see a detailed view of the area where you will be carrying out your activity.

Include a north arrow so that we can correctly identify the orientation of the map.

Check how to create a map (opens in a new tab)

- File: Caernafon_Bay.jpg - [Download](#)
- File: Fishguard_Bay.jpg - [Download](#)
- File: MillInner.jpg - [Download](#)
- File: MilOuter.jpg - [Download](#)

Tell us if you need to upload a method statement

You will need to upload a method statement if you are doing any of these things:

Working in or near a sensitive site Drilling boreholes or vibrocores Replacing piles Beach management Are you doing one or more of these things?

Yes

Upload your method statement

Check what you need to include in your method statement (opens in a new tab).

If your method statement does not cover all the necessary points, we will not be able to approve your licence application.

- File: Grab sampling Band 1 Licence Application Method Statment .docx - [Download](#)

What materials will you deposit as part of your work?

Select all that apply

Sand

Silt

Stone/rock

Gravel

Other (please provide a description of materials):

Only material that originated on the sea bed will be deposited in very small amounts

How will you deliver materials to the site?

Select
Vessel

Upload a chart of the vessel delivery route

The route must start from the originating port
File: Vessel route.docx - Download

Which materials will you remove as part of your work?

Tick all that apply
Sand
Silt
Stone/rock
Gravel

Upload your correspondence with the Maritime and Coastguard Agency

We need confirmation from the Maritime and Coastguard Agency that your work will not pose a risk to others
File: MCA RE_ Environmental Grab Sampling in Wales.pdf - Download

Upload your correspondence with Trinity House

We need confirmation from Trinity House that your work will not pose a risk to others
File: Trinity House RE_ Environmental Grab Sampling in Wales.pdf - Download

Did you consult with archaeological consultees?

If you are doing any kind of removal (such as boreholes or sediment sampling) or beach management, you must consult with the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Wales (RCAHMW) and your local archaeological trust (opens in a new tab).
Yes

Upload your correspondence with the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Wales

We need to see that the RCAHMW are satisfied that your work will not have a negative impact on any archaeological features

- File: Royal Comission Re_ Environmental Grab Sampling in Wales.pdf - [Download](#)

Upload your correspondence with your local archaeological trust

We need to see that the local archaeological trust is satisfied that your work will not have a negative impact on any archaeological features

- File: Heneb Clwyd-Powys Region Re_ Environmental Grab Sampling in Wales.pdf - [Download](#)
- File: Heneb Dyfed Region RE_ Grab sampling.pdf - [Download](#)
- File: Heneb Glamorgan Gwent Region RE_ Environmental Grab Sampling in Wales.pdf - [Download](#)
- File: Heneb Gwynedd Region Grab sampling.pdf - [Download](#)

Do you want to upload correspondence with other consultees?

Check the list of possible consultees (opens in a new tab)

Select

Yes

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You can upload up to ten documents of 50MB each.

Select 'Choose file' each time

- File: Marine Area Advice RE_ Grab sampling 2025-2027 Marine Licence Advice.pdf - [Download](#)
- File: OGN 200 Form 1A simple HRA Grab Sampling 25-27.docx - [Download](#)

Does the applicant have statutory powers to consent any aspect of the work?

Such as coast protection authority, dredging powers, statutory undertakers

Yes

Legislation giving statutory powers

Give details and state the relevant legislation that gives these powers

Marine & Coastal Access Act 2009: Marine License

Do you want to claim public register confidentiality?

We normally put all the information in your application on a public register, unless we approve of your reasons for withholding all or part of it

No

Paying for your application

Your licence application for a band 1 activity costs £600.

You need to pay as soon as you have submitted your application. We will return any applications we receive without payment.

How will you pay for your application?

Phone

Create a payment reference

Make a note of your reference as you will need to use it when you pay.

Your reference must:

begin with 'PRCAPP' be followed by the first five letters of the applicant name end with any three digits

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How we collect your personal data

We will process the information provided by you in line with the data protection legislation.

For more information on how we manage, store and use your data, check our privacy notice (opens in a new tab).

I have read and understood this information

Declaration

The person who completes this form should be the one who signs it.

This person must have the authority to sign the form on behalf of the holder. They could be a director or a company secretary.

It is an offence under the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009, under which this application is made, to fail to disclose information or to provide false or misleading information. This could invalidate any licence granted.

I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief that the information given in this application form and supporting documentation is true.

Full name Matthew Green
Position in company Senior Specialist, Marine Environmental Assessment Officer

Date

24/01/2025

Get a copy of your application and submit

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