

Green, Matthew

From: Brewer, Poppy
Sent: 30 December 2024 16:42
To: Green, Matthew
Cc: Marine Area Advice and Management Team; Lowe, Emma; Gjerlov, Charlotte
Subject: RE: Grab sampling 2025-2027 Marine Licence Advice

Hi Matt,

I have reviewed the HRA, and consulted senior members of our team. We are satisfied that the grab sampling, as described within the supporting information document, is necessary for the conservation management of the Natura 2000/Ramsar sites. We agree with the conclusion that a HRA is not required.

We accept that sampling of sensitive habitat is required in this situation and are content that due care and rationale will be applied as written in the supporting information.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the team. I will be back in on the 6th.

Happy New Year!

Thanks,
Poppy


From: Green, Matthew <Matthew.Green@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk>
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Subject: Grab sampling 2025-2027 Marine Licence Advice
Importance: High


Hi Marine Area Advice Team,

We are applying for a marine licence to grab sample around Welsh marine/estuarine waters 2025-2027. Our current licence runs out at the end of Dec 2024. We have a planned survey in Milford Haven at the beginning of March so require a licence well before this.

Please see following information:

 [eng-marine-works-licence-application \(24-27\).docx](#) – draft application

 [Electronic appendix \(planned target positions\).xlsx](#) – positions with corresponding info about each station

 [Supporting Information for Marine Licence Application NRW Grab Sampling Survey programme 2025-2027.docx](#) – Supporting information (information about various sampling)

 [OGN 200 Form 1A simple HRA with guidance notes master.docx](#) – draft HRA

Y:\Marine\Marine_Monitoring\Licences\2024_2027\ Sensitive habitat check.mxd - GIS work sheet used for sensitivity mapping

The Grab Sampling Plan:

The plan (linked above) is very similar to the previous application (attached) which was authorised.

The supporting information hopefully has all the information you need to understand our requirement, I have spent quite a lot of time and effort to present planned sampling so the info is easily accessible – I hope this will make it a relatively easy task.

HRA:

I have filled in the most recent HRA short form. I have used similar responses to our previous HRA which was accepted and undertaken following consultation with the Marine Area Advice and Management Team in 2022. In Section 6, we have stated that the primary reason no HRA has been carried out is due to the sample programme being connected with site management but it should also be noted there is no effect to any site associated with the sampling due to the volumes of samples being collected and numbers of stations having being de minimis.

Please can you send an email for me to forward on to Marine Licencing with your approval of HRA? I am happy to discuss if you have additional advice to the last application.

Apologies but a response as soon as possible would be really appreciated (we are critically busy this year and this is the first chance I have had to pull this together).

Today is my last day before Christmas I am back on the 3rd Jan.

Many thanks,

Matthew Green (MSc)

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Correspondence in Welsh is welcomed, and we will respond in Welsh without it leading to a delay.



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