

Internal application for an NRW statutory authorisation:

Habitats Regulations Assessment by the authorising team

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AUTHORISING TEAM: Marine Licensing Team

APPLICANT: Marine Monitoring, Assessment & Reporting Team

APPLICATION DATE: 09 January 2025

TYPE OF AUTHORISATION: Marine Licence

PROJECT DETAILS: RML2503 - All Wales Marine Benthic Invertebrate Grab Sampling Programme

1. We have carefully considered the Form 1 HRA report provided with this application, and we consider that it adequately addresses the potential implications for any European sites potentially affected by the project. We note that, where relevant, the necessary consultation has taken place with the ANCB and that their representations have been properly taken into account. On this basis, we adopt the reasoning and conclusions of the HRA report provided. Any additional comments are noted below.
2. ~~We have carefully considered the Form 1 HRA report provided with this application and we have discussed the HRA with applicant. We are not satisfied that the applicant's HRA adequately addresses the potential implications for European sites. Our main reasons for this are summarised below. We have carried out our HRA which is recorded in the attached HRA report.~~
3. ~~We note that no HRA report has been provided with this application and we are satisfied that the project does not require an HRA. Any additional comments are noted below.~~

Signed: J. Thompson

Name: Jack Thompson – Marine Licensing Officer

Date: 20 February 2025

Additional comments by the authorising team:

N/A