

RE: Severn Estuary sediment sampling - MCA & Trinity House consultation

Marc Hubble
To navigation safety; Richard McCulloch
Cc Richard Wells

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Dear Jo,

Many thanks for your response and we can confirm that we do accept the risk mitigations and will undertake the actions as outlined in your email.

Regards
Marc

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From: navigation safety
Sent: 26 August 2025 13:53
To: Richard McCulloch
Cc: Marc Hubble ; Richard Wells
Subject: RE: Severn Estuary sediment sampling - MCA & Trinity House consultation

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Dear Richard,

Thank you for the information regarding the proposed sediment grab samples in the Severn Estuary.

RE: Severn Estuary sediment sampling - MCA & Trinity House consultation

NS navigation safety <navigationsafety@mcga.gov.uk>
To Richard McCulloch
Cc Marc Hubble; Richard Wells
You replied to this message on 26/08/2025 17:18.

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Dear Richard,

Thank you for the information regarding the proposed sediment grab samples in the Severn Estuary.

We have reviewed all 5 locations and note that 3 locations are within English waters. We note that the works are sediment grab samples at the stated locations in the Severn Estuary between 31st August and 10th September 2025, and this request is for a Band 1 marine licence with NRW.

On the understanding that the following takes place, the MCA would have no significant concerns to raise with regards to the safety of navigation and would be satisfied that the risk is relatively low on this occasion:

1. All maritime safety legislation is complied with;
2. Local notification is issued to marine users, including fishermen’s organisations, relevant authorities, including Statutory Harbour Authorities, and other local stakeholders, to ensure that they are made fully aware of the activity at least five days before commencement of the works;
3. Zone27@hmcg.gov.uk must be notified prior to commencement of activities.

Please can you confirm that you accept the above risk mitigations?

For the three stated locations which are within English waters, and a NRW Band 1 Application would not apply, you must consult with the Marine Management Organisation (MMO) to ensure you have undertaken the equivalent licensing process.

If you have any questions please contact us.
Kind regards

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From: Richard McCulloch <R.McCulloch@apemltd.co.uk>
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Hello,

As part of the National Chemical Investigation Programme (CIP), APEM are collecting sediment grab samples in the Severn Estuary for which it is a requirement to consult with the MCA and Trinity House for applying for a band 1 marine license – attached is our method statement for the proposed works. One survey will be conducted in summer (target dates of sampling between 31st August and 10th September); and one survey will be conducted in winter (likely January but dates are to be confirmed).

Please can you confirm that the proposed works are agreeable and will not pose a risk?

The location details of the sampling locations are as follows (which are shown on a map within the attached method statement):

SWE1	ST2826460456	51.338647	-3.0312061
SWE2	ST2744275678	51.475390	-3.0461233
SWE3	ST3530081299	51.526880	-2.9340292
SWE4	ST5043583943	51.552185	-2.7162559
SWE5	SO6657802222	51.717721	-2.4851925

Kind regards,

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