

1 March 2019

Dear Mr Matthew Green

MARINE AND COASTAL ACCESS ACT 2009: PART 4 – MARINE LICENSING

LICENCE TO UNDERTAKE GRAB SAMPLING

LICENCE NUMBER: RML1903

I am writing to advise you that the Marine Licensing Team, on behalf of the Welsh Ministers, as Licensing Authority, has considered your application, dated 17th January 2019 for a Marine Licence under Part 4 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009, and hereby grant a Marine Licence for you to undertake the above stated works.

Accordingly, please find attached for your review and retention a copy of Marine Licence **RML1903** and its conditions.

Advisory Note

Marine Licence, **RML1903**, constitutes a statutory consent; therefore, the conditions set out herein must be complied with in full and will be binding upon any agent or contractor who undertakes any activity on the project on your behalf.

You are urged to read the conditions of Marine Licence **RML1903** carefully, in particular the need to advise our Marine Enforcement Officers of the commencement of works within **10 days** prior to work starting.

Marine Licence, **RML1903** is solely granted for the work to be undertaken at the locations specified within the licence; however, it does not absolve you from applying for further consents or licences as necessary to enable the full completion of your project.

If the works authorised by this Licence are unlikely to be completed by the expiry date, the Licence Holder should apply for a replacement marine licence **at least 4 months** prior to the expiry date of this Licence.

Condition **8.9** Refers to archaeological finds, these can vary from stone implements such as prehistoric flint tools, material that may relate to wrecks, items jettisoned overboard from vessel and items which may have come from downed aircraft. The location of the

sample and where the find came from on the seabed should be recorded and the finds must be reported to The Crown Estate's Marine Antiquities Scheme, to ensure that the sampling contractor complies with the requirements of the Merchant Shipping Act 1995 (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wreck-and-salvage-law#the-law-relating-to-wreck>).

Guidance notes relating to different marine find types can be found at (<https://marinefinds.org.uk/guides>).

In addition condition 8.4 refers a number of sample areas that have been identified as coinciding with a number of Danger Areas: Aberporth, West Wales, Pendine, Pembrey, Castlemartin, Manorbier and it is also possible that surveying in the Severn Estuary Special Area of Conservation (SAC) may impact upon the use of the Rogiet Moor firing area. You are required to give notice and seek approval from the MoD prior to works within the respective Sea Danger Areas (as published on UKHO Practice and Exercise Area Charts), the relevant contact details for each range are below. The vessel should also maintain a listening watch on VHF Channel 16 while in the vicinity of the above, and comply with the instructions of the Range Controller at all times. You should be aware that there is a potential for the vessel to encounter unexploded ordnance or other hazardous materials associated with current or historic military firing activities in or near these Danger Areas.

MOD contacts;

MOD Aberporth: Tel. 01239 813 480/760 (Duty Range Controller)

MOD Pendine: Tel. 01994 452 240 (Duty Range Controller)

Pembrey Sands Air Weapons Range: Tel. 01554 890 260/261 (Maj. (Rtd.) Martyn Alexandre, Training Safety Officer)

Castlemartin Range: Tel. 01646 662 496 (Steven Phillips-Harries, Deputy Training Safety Officer)

Air Defence Range Manorbier: Tel. 01834 871 282 (James Edwards, Deputy Training Safety Officer)

Penally Gallery Range: Tel. 01834 870 104 or 845 776 (Maj. (Rtd.) Peter Sulman, Training Safety Officer)

Rogiet Moor Rifle Range: Tel. 01874 871 282 (Billy Pike, Deputy Training Safety Officer)

Should you require clarification as to the reasons for the inclusion of any of the conditions attached to the Licence then you must request written notice within 28 days of the receipt of this letter.

Rights of appeal

You have the right of appeal to the Welsh Ministers against this decision. The Appeal must be made in accordance with the Marine Licensing (Appeals Against Licensing Decisions) (Wales) Regulations 2011.

A notice of appeal must be received by the Welsh Ministers within six months beginning with the date of the decision to which the appeal relates.

You must send written notice of appeal including the documents listed below to the Welsh Ministers at the following address:

Welsh Ministers c/o Marine Licensing Branch, Welsh Government, Cathays Park, Cardiff.
CF10 3NQ.

At the same time you must send a copy of the notice of appeal to the Natural Resources Body for Wales at the following address:

Permitting Service Manager, Permitting Service(Cardiff), Natural Resources Wales,
Cambria House, 29 Newport Road, Cardiff, CF24 0TP

The notice of appeal must include:

- a) the name, address (including any email address) and telephone number of the appellant and any agent acting for the appellant;
- b) a statement of the grounds of appeal;
- c) a statement as to whether the appellant wishes to have the appeal dealt with by way of written representations, a hearing or an inquiry;
- d) a copy of the decision to which the appeal relates;
- e) a copy of all documents upon which the appellant wishes to rely; and
- f) a list of all the documents, including dates (where any document is dated), specified in bullet points d and e above. :

You may withdraw an appeal by notifying the Welsh Ministers in writing and sending a copy of that notification to the NRW at the address specified above.

Please be aware that the Welsh Government has changed the Marine Licensing fees and charges in Wales. You will be charged for any post licensing work associated with your licence. If you have any queries regarding the fee changes, please email the Marine Licensing Team via marinelicensing@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk

If the UK leaves the EU - either with or without a deal - the legal obligations relating to compliance with environmental permits and legislation will continue to apply. NRW on behalf of Welsh Ministers will continue to issue licenses in line with our current practice. If you have any questions about your permits or licenses, please contact our Customer Care Centre on 03000 653 000.

We'd really like to hear about your experience of dealing with us in relation to your Natural Resources Wales licence application. Please give us 5 minutes of your time to complete our online survey using the following link:

English - <https://naturalresources.wales/permits-and-permissions/permitting-service-customer-survey/?lang=en>

Yours sincerely

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Natural Resources Wales