

APPLICATION FOR A MARINE LICENCE FOR MARINE WORKS

Marine Works include, but are not limited to, coast defences, beneficial uses of dredged materials, subsea cables, pontoons, jetties, land reclamation, grab samples and outfall pipes under the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009

Please read the notes carefully before completing the form.

- The Marine Licensing Team (MLT) administers Part 4 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 on behalf of the Licensing Authority, the Welsh Ministers.
- The completed application form must be accompanied by a location plan and, where appropriate, descriptive drawing(s) and any supporting environmental assessments.
- Please submit applications to the **Permit Receipt Centre** via the details at the top of this form. For applications larger than 20MB, we would advise that you contact us to determine the most appropriate method for submitting your application.
- Please submit marine licence applications, including this form and all supporting documents, **at least 4 months before the licence is required.**

Some projects may raise matters that require a significantly longer time for consideration. These are most likely to be:

- Projects that fall **within** The Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2007 – as amended requiring an Environmental Statement
- Large scale projects with substantial volumes of material being deposited or excavated
- Works requiring an Appropriate Assessment to be conducted under The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017.
- Information should be provided about the anticipated **duration of the entire project** in respect of works below/seaward of Mean High Water Spring (MHWS). Where appropriate, planned phasing of the work for which consent is sought must be detailed. For projects lasting more than one calendar year, planned phasing details must be given for each 12 month period.

A licence fee is payable in respect of an application. Details of fees can be found on our web pages.

Please note applications will not be processed without the correct relevant fee or invoicing details.

- Payments can be made via Cheque, BACS or credit/debit card.
 - Cheques should be crossed and made payable to **Natural Resources Wales.**
 - For BACS payments ensure you provide the reference number (not remittance number)
 - For credit/debit card payments please complete the CC1 form and submit with the application. The CC1 form can be found on our web pages

Further information on payment methods can be found on our web pages

- **All activities need to comply with the Water Framework Directive (WFD). The framework and guidance can be found on the Natural Resources Wales website, <http://naturalresources.wales>. The results of your WFD assessment must be attached to your marine licence application.**
- Please answer all questions. If any information is not available at the time of application please indicate in the relevant section, giving reasoning in a covering letter. Outstanding details must be submitted as soon as possible. Any delay in forwarding details is likely to result in delays in determining your application.

Your application may not be considered complete and therefore not processed until key information has been submitted. Your application may be returned if you fail to submit outstanding information within given timescales.

- Please note any licence may have conditions that must be discharged before works can commence. This will take additional time.
- If you have any queries with regards to completing this application please contact the MLT: marinelicensing@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk

How your application will be processed by the MLT:

- Submit all application to the **Permit Receipt Centre** via the details at the top of this form.
- Checked and acknowledged by the MLT within 21 days of receipt of application and payment
- If the application is complete and no further information is needed at this time, your application will be placed in a work queue to be assigned a permitting officer
- If the application is not complete, further information will be request and need to be provided before the application can be considered as complete
- Our **4 months** service level for determining non-EIA applications will begin from the date the **completed** application is received (*Please note some projects may take significantly longer than 4 months to determine due to their nature*)
- EIA projects may take significantly longer due to their scale and complexity. Therefore we encourage early engagement with the MLT
- Your application and supporting documents will be sent to for an initial consultation period of 28 days (*42 days for EIA projects*)
- For the majority of projects, a public notice must be advertised. Public consultation will be 28 days (*49 days for EIA projects*). For EIA projects a second public notice will be required. The MLT will advise on how this should be done.
- Responses to consultation will be considered and additional information requested at this time, if necessary.
- A decision on your Marine Licence Application will be made

All information submitted may be referred to within a licence, therefore all works must be in accordance with this information, unless otherwise agreed with NRW acting on behalf of the Licensing Authority during the determination process.

It is the responsibility of the applicant to obtain any other consents/authorisations that may be required.

Application Form Structure

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Check List

Please ensure that you have included all the necessary information before you submit your application. **If any of the below are not completed in the application form, the application is likely to be considered incomplete and may be returned to you**

Item	Yes (✓)
The applicant is a legal entity?	✓
The declaration is signed by the applicant?	✓
Is the application fee correct?	✓
Are the grid references/coordinates correct?	✓
Do the coordinates match map locations?	✓
Have all the relevant supporting documents been submitted?	✓
Has a clear methodology been provided in the application form?	✓
Has Protected sites information been included?	✓
Has a Water Framework Directive (WFD) assessment been submitted?	✓
Are all the continuation sheets for application questions appended with correct corresponding numbers?	✓

Should you have any queries regarding your application please contact the MLT via marinelicensing@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk

1. Project Description and Cost

1 (a). Project Name

Fishguard Replacement Linkspan

1(b). Please provide a brief description of the proposed project, including location

Replacement of existing linkspan bridge and jack up barge with new floating linkspan pontoon to serve Stena line ferry at Fishguard Harbour to include plough dredging of 2,500m³; piled reinforced concrete bankseat; tubular steel guide piles; rock armour scour protection; and ancillary and temporary works.

1(c). Please provide an estimated gross cost of the project (Inc. materials and labour) for works that fall below/seaward of Mean High Water Springs (MHWS)

£20 million

2. Applicant Details

To whom the licence will be issued. *This must be a legal entity such as an individual, registered company/ charity or public body.*

Title	Mr	Full Name	Ian Davies
Company or Trading Name	Stenaline		
Company Registration Number (if applicable)	01402237		
Name of Contact or individual (if different)			
Position in Company	Head of Port Authorities		
Address inc. postcode (provide registered Company address if applicable)	First Floor 6 Arlington Street London SW1A 1RE		
Telephone Number	07917183960		
Email Address	ian.davies@stenaline.com		

3. Details of Agent, Contractor, Vehicles and/or Vessels used to carry out works

3(a). Agent Details

This is who we will correspond with unless otherwise informed. If no agent we will contact the applicant.

Title		Full Name	Michelle Price
Company or Trading Name	Tetrattech		
Company Registration Number (if applicable)	NI20604		
Name of Contact or individual (if different)			
Position in Company	Senior Associate Planner		
Address (Inc. postcode)	Elmwood House
74 Boucher Road
Belfast BT12 6RZ		
Telephone Number	+44 2890 667 914		
Email Address	Michelle.price@rps.tetrattech.com		

3(b). Does the Applicant wish to be included in all correspondence? Yes ☒ No ☐

3(c). Contractor Details

In order for contractors to benefit from the licence permission, details must be provided.
Any details not provided with application must be confirmed before operations commence.

Contractor Company or Trading Name	Address
McLaughlin & Harvey	15 Trench Road, Newtownabbey, County Antrim, BT36 4TY

3(d). Will the works require the use of vessels? Yes ☒ No ☐

3(d) (i).Vessel Details (if applicable and available)

In order for contractors to benefit from the licence permission, details must be provided.
Any details not provided with application must be confirmed before operations commence.

Operator	Name of Vessel	Type of Vessel	Vessel Registration Number	Country of Registration
NK – to be confirmed prior to operations		Tug boat		
NK – to be confirmed prior to operations		Floating barge		
NK – to be confirmed prior to operations		Multi Cat/Plough Dredger		

3(e). Will the works require the use of vehicle?Yes ☒No ☐**3(e) (i). Vehicle Details (if applicable and available) to be used below MHWS**

In order for contractors to benefit from the licence permission, details must be provided.
Any details not provided with application must be confirmed before operations commence.

Operator	Type/Description of Vehicle
NK – to be confirmed prior to operations	• 200t Crawler Crane • 120t Rotary Bored Piling Rig / Leader Rig • 90t Long reach excavator • Vibratory / Impact Hammer CX110 • Moxy • 40t Excavators • Floating Crane Barge (Lara 1) • Spud Leg Barge • 5t Tugs • 15t Mult Cat • Dive Boat • 500t Mobile Crane

3(f). If the contractor or vessels or vehicles are not known at the application stage, when do you expect to provide these details?

These details will need to be confirmed prior to the licence and operations commencement

Vessels are dependent on availability however are likely to be from the south-south-west coast of England with multi-purpose vessel likely to be NORMA II registered in Southampton, to be confirmed prior to operations commencing. Vehicles are likely to be a local based operator.

4. Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)

Certain projects, due to their scale, location and/or nature, may require an EIA under the Environmental Impact Assessment Directive (Directive 85/337/EEC – as amended). If a project qualifies under EIA, an Environmental Statement (ES) must be prepared and submitted with the application.

Projects that fall within Annex I of the Directive automatically require an EIA. Projects that fall within Annex II of the Directive are assessed on a case-by-case basis for the requirement for an EIA to be undertaken.

4(a). Do you consider the works to be under the Environmental Impact Assessment Directive (Directive 85/337/EEC – as amended)? Yes ☒ No ☐

4(a) (i) If Yes, which Annex does the proposal fall under? Annex I ☐ Annex II ☒

4(a) (ii) Which number(s) within the Annex does the proposal relate to?

10. Marine Dredging ; 63. Construction of Port Installations; and 69. Maritime works capable of altering the coast through construction

4(b). Have you applied for a screening or scoping opinion from the MLT under the Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2007 (as amended)? Yes ☒ No ☐

4(b) (i). If Yes, please provide the reference number

SC2402

4(c). Has an Environmental Impact Assessment been undertaken? Yes ☒ No ☐

4(c)(i). If Yes, has an Environmental Statement been submitted to support this Marine Licence application? Yes ☒ No ☐

4(d). If an Environmental Impact Assessment has been undertaken, but an ES has not been submitted, please provide an explanation

Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary. Please tick if you have done this ☐

5. Licensable Period

Determination of applications will be based on the works taking place during these dates. Please ensure you have included an adequate contingency period. If works are not completed by the Requested Licence Expiry Date you may be required to submit a new application. *Including a contingency period within your original application does not impact on Licence Fee*

Start Date 01/11/2026

Requested Licence Expiry Date 30/07/2027

*Please ensure you submit your application for a Marine Licence **at least 4 months** prior to the intended start date. Some projects, such as EIA projects, will take significantly longer to determine.*

6. Project Description

6(a). Please give a description of the proposed project.

This should include the purpose of the project, estimated timescales of construction and operation, and broken down by the phases of works, if applicable.

Details should include, but not be limited to, dimensions of project, quantity of material being deposited and removed.

Replacement of existing linkspan bridge and jack up barge with new floating linkspan pontoon to serve Stena line ferry at Fishguard Harbour to include plough dredging of 2,500m³; piled reinforced concrete bankseat; tubular steel guide pile; rock armour scour protection; and ancillary and temporary works. Please see EIA Chapter 2 : Project Description attached sheet.

Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary. Please tick if you have done this ☒

6(b). Please detail the location of the proposed construction project.

This should be either Ordnance Survey National Grid Reference (i.e. AB 12345 67890) or Latitude and Longitude in decimal degrees to 4 decimal places (i.e. Lat 52.1234 Long - 4.1234), defining the extent of the project. **Please specify which coordinate system has been used.**

The application site is located within Goodwick/Fishguard, Pembrokeshire (central grid reference 195171.227: 238812.970).

Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary. Please tick if you have done this ☒
6(c). The following must be provided with the completed application form:

- (i) a suitably scaled extract of an Ordnance Survey Map or Admiralty Chart with location of project, complete with **North Arrow** and **Scale**
- (ii) construction plans and sectional drawings showing those proposed works below/seaward of MHWS, which should give details of the materials to be used (for beach replenishment the quantity, particle size and source of material to be deposited and deposit location is also required).
- (iii) a descriptive schematic drawing and suitably scaled location plan which show the full extent of the project clearly in relation to the surrounding area and features.

Please list below **all supporting documents** that have been submitted with this application, including suitable documents/maps/drawing titles and reference numbers

See attached document list

Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary. Please tick if you have done this ☒

The applicant should note that these drawings/plans may be copied to others as part of the MLT's consultation procedures. If they are subject to copyright, it is the **responsibility of the applicant to obtain the necessary approvals to reproduce the documents and to submit up to 16 copies with the application.**

7. Methods Statement

7(a). Please provide a detailed method statement for the works

This must include methods for all works including temporary structures or deposits such as jetties, cofferdams, moorings or landing stages to be constructed seaward of MHWS

Please refer to attached Contractors Methodology (Appendix 2.B)

Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary. Please tick if you have done this ☒

7(b). Do you intend to undertake activities that could generate underwater noise?

This include piling, use of explosives, geophysical, acoustic deterrent devices and multibeam echosounders.

Yes ☒ No ☐

7(b) (i). If Yes, what type(s) of activities will be undertaken?

Dredging	Impact piling, Bank seat piles
Demolition, Rock Breaking, Pecking during dredging	Coring, Bank seat pile
Vibro-piling, main pontoon pile	Rock Dumping Vibro-piling, support
Coring, main pontoon pile	
Impact piling, support pile	

7(b) (ii). If Yes, approximately how many days will the activity be undertaken for?

Dredging – 1 week
Demolition – 1-2 weeks
Piling (bankseat) – 1 week
Piling (Guide pile) – 4 weeks
Rock Armour – 1 week

If Yes, you will be required to complete an additional form that will be provided.

7(c). Please state the measures to be taken to:

- (i) Minimise risk to the marine environment

An assessment of the effects on the environment has been thoroughly undertaken through environmental impact assessment and a range of mitigation measures outlined which the applicant will undertake through the demolition, construction and operational processes.

(ii) Prevent undue interference to others

The assessment of the effects has considered the sensitive receptors in terms of noise, underwater noise, transport and traffic, shipping, coastal processes, flood risk, soils and contamination, visual impact, land uses and material assets, marine and terrestrial ecology, human health, air quality, climate change and a range of mitigation measures outlined which the applicant will undertake through the demolition, construction and operational processes. Works shall be undertaken within Port Authority Lands and Stena Line are the statutory harbour authority.

(iii) Maintain navigational safety, including marking and lighting of works

The assessment of the effects has considered shipping and navigation within the environmental impact assessment. Stena Line are the statutory harbour authority at Fishguard and alongside the RNLI are the sole operator of vessels in the harbour. Shipping and Navigation are considered in the EIA. An oCEMP accompanies the EIA which sets out hours of working and marking and lighting of works.

Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary. Please tick if you have done this ☐

8. Materials of Project

8(a). Description of materials to be deposited seaward of MHWS (Please tick all that apply)

Timber	☐	Iron/Steel	☒	Concrete	☒	Biocides/other chemicals	☐
Silt	☐	Stone/Rock	☒	Gravel	☐	Plastic/Synthetics	☐
Sand	☐	Other	☐				

If other, please provide a description of materials.

This does not include the plough dredge which will be redistributed to the scour hole

8(b). Delivery method of materials to site

If sea delivery, please include details of vessels to be used with a chart of proposed route and transshipment area. If vehicle delivery, please provide the proposed access route.

Replacement linkspan pontoon will be delivered via barge, towed by tug, newly manufactured.

Rock armour scour protection via vehicular delivery from local quarry via existing port access (Terminal Road).

Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary. Please tick if you have done this ☐

8(c). Will the works involve removals seaward of MHWS? Yes ☒ No ☐

8(c) (i). Description of materials to be removed seaward of MHWS (Please tick all that apply)

Timber	☐	Iron/Steel	☒	Concrete	☒	Biocides/other chemicals	☐
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Silt ☒ Stone/Rock ☒ Gravel ☐ Plastic/Synthetics ☐
 Sand ☒ Other ☐

8(c) (ii). Description of objects/materials to be removed seaward of MHWS
 Including quantities to be removed.

Demolition and removal of existing linkspan bridge, equipment and kiosk between dolphins, partial demolition of dolphin towers, jackup barge and concrete bankseat.
 Plough dredging of soft sediments of approximately 2,500m³ to be redistributed to scour hole

9. Beach Replenishment, Land Reclamation or Salt Marsh Feeding

For works involving any of the above, please provide the following information

9(a). Is the material to be deposited like for like to existing material? Yes ☐ No ☒

9(a)(i) If No for Beach Replenishment please provide justification why?

The dredged material is not suitable for beach nourishment and will be redistributed to scour hole in berth north of the pontoon location

9(b). Description of material to be deposited

Please provide the grading specification of materials to be used, if using a range of grain sizes please state the percentage by weight passing. *If unsure, please refer to the Wentworth Scale*

Imported fill material of Class 6A (0 – 500mm) below water and Class 6F5 (0 – 250mm) above water in accordance with the requirements of Specification for Highway Works 'Table 6/1 Acceptable Earthworks Materials: Classification and Compaction Requirements'.

Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary. Please tick if you have done this ☐

9(c). Source of the material to be deposited

Including dredged or land based stating the origin of material

All imported fill material shall be clean graded stone sourced from local quarries.

9(d). Has the material been chemically analysed?

Yes ☒ No ☐

If material has been analysed, we may request this information to determine the application

9(d) (i) If Yes, is the analysis data been included with the application? Yes ☒ No ☐

10. Temporary Works

10(a). Will there be any temporary deposits below MHWS? Yes ☒ No ☐

This includes construction materials, removed objects/material, jetties or cofferdams

If **Yes**, please continue with section **10**

10(b). Please provide the location of temporary deposits

Please include a map/chart displaying the location of temporary deposits, if necessary.

Aa per attached Marine License drawings Vol III of the ES.

10(c). Description of temporary deposits

Eight temporary steel piles are required to be installed adjacent to the Guide Pile to support the piling rig. These temporary support piles will each be approximately 1.22m in diameter and will be installed via vibro and/or impact driving techniques. These eight temporary support piles will be removed once the guide pile has been installed.

Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary. Please tick if you have done this ☐

11. Dredge and Disposal of Dredge Material

If you are undertaking Dredge and Disposal activities please also complete the Dredge and Disposal application form and submit together.

11(a). Do you intend to apply for a marine licence to dispose of dredged material to sea as part of the works in this application? Yes ☒ No ☐

12. Protected Sites

Licensing Authorities have a duty to ensure that projects will **not have significant adverse environmental impact**, particularly on any designated **European Site of Conservation Importance - Special Areas of Conservation (SAC) and Special Protection Areas (SPA), listed under the Habitats Directive (Council Directive 92/42/EEC on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora)**. In addition, it is Government Policy that Wetlands of International Importance (Ramsar sites) are also considered as European Sites. There is a duty to take reasonable steps to further the conservation and enhancement of nationally designated sites (Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs)).

12(a). Have you had pre-application correspondence with NRW, its legacy bodies or Natural England? Yes ☒ No ☐

12(a)(i). If Yes, please provide copies of correspondence with application and state which team(s) you have contacted?

Pre application advice was requested from Natural Resource Wales (NRW) in October 2024 with subsequent Teams meeting on 5th November 2024 prior to submission of the screening and scoping request under reference PA2408. Following the scoping opinion dated 31st January 2025 additional advice was sought and Teams meetings were facilitated on the 27th February 2025 and 5th March 2025 through NRW Advisory. An application for marine works, dredging and disposal at sea was submitted in May 2025 under ML2533. FI was subsequently received on 15th August 2025 and resubmitted September 2025. Bi-monthly meetings have occurred between September and February 2026. Copies of consultations are appended to ES.

12(b). Are any part of the works located *within or likely to affect* a designated conservation site? (SAC, SPA, SSSI or Ramsar) Yes ☒ No ☐

12(b)(i). If Yes, which designated site(s) may be affected?

West Wales Marine Special Area of Conservation

12(c). Please provide a description of all mitigation measures proposed to avoid any impact on designated conservation sites.

Please refer to the mitigation measures contained within the Technical chapters No's 7 – 24 of the accompanying ES.

Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary. Please tick if you have done this ☒

12(d). If the works are not located *within or likely to affect* a designated conservation site, please indicated the approximate distance to the nearest designated conservation site.

Please note that if the proposed works are in or within 2km of a European Site of Conservation Importance you will have to provide suitable mitigation measure to avoid any impact on designated conservation sites.

13. Other Consents

Please detail all consents that you have applied for or received for these works

Type of Consent	Applied for	To be applied for	Reference Number	Date of Issue and Expiry
Planning Permission under Town and County Planning Act 1990 – From Local Planning Authority (LPA)				
Name and Address of LPA for location of works				
Land Owners Consent such as The Crown Estate Consent	The Crown Estate			See attached correspondence Appendix 5.B of the ES
Port Authority or Local Harbour permissions	Harbour Revision Order			Application submitted 12.05.2025 and updated April 2026
Other NRW consents such as Flood Defence or SSSI assent				
Details of NRW consent				
Other consents such as Transport and Works Act Order, Section 36 Electricity Act, grant/loan sanction				
Details of other consents				

14. Statutory Powers

14(a).Does the applicant have statutory powers to consent any aspect of the project?
E.g. coast protection authority, dredging powers, statutory undertakers Yes ☒ No ☐

14(a)(i).If Yes, please give details and state the relevant legislation that gives these powers

The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995, Part 17 Class B, Development on operational land by statutory undertakers or their lessees in respect of dock, pier, harbour, water transport or canal or inland navigation undertakings required (a) for the purposes of shipping (b) in connection with the embarking, disembarking, loading discharging or transport of passengers, livestock or goods at a dock, pier or harbour, or with the movement of traffic by canal or inland navigation or by any railway forming part of the undertaking. Stena Line is the Statutory Harbour Authority for Fishguard under the Harbours Act 1964.

15. Public Register

Under The Marine Licensing (Register of Licensing Information)(Wales) Regulations 2011 and the Environmental Impact Assessment Directive (Directive 85/337/EEC – as amended) , all information contained within or provided in support of this application will be placed on the Public Register unless NRW approve of the applicant's reasons for withholding all or part.

15. Is there any information contained within or provided in support of this application that you consider should NOT be included on the Public Register on the grounds that its disclosure:

15(a). Would be contrary to the interest of National Security? Yes ☐ No ☒

15(b). Would prejudice to an unreasonable degree you, or some other person's commercial interest of those of a third party? Yes ☐ No ☒

If **Yes** to either (a) or (b), please provide full justification as to why all or part of the information you have provided should be withheld

Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary. Please tick if you have done this ☐

16. Application Fee

16(a). What are the corresponding fee band for this application? Band 2 ☐ Band 3 ☒

16(b) Band 2 Only

Projects are charged at a fixed fee of £1920. The application will not be processed until the correct fee has been provided.

Please provide the method of payment

Method	Yes (✓)	Reference Number
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Cheque		
BACS (not remittance no.)	✓	
World Pay (phone or CC1)		

Please attach **CC1 Form** with application. Can be found on our web pages

16(c) Band 3 Application only

Band 3 applications are charged at on hourly rate of £120 and are invoiced in arrears. Please complete the details below which will be required for invoicing.

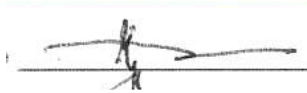
Customer Name	Stena Line Ltd
FAO	Ian Davies
Purchase order number	GCAMI 25177
Address for invoice	Stena Line Ltd Accounts Payable SE-405 19 Gothenburg Sweden
Telephone Number	07917183960
Email Address	invoice@stenaline.com

17. Declaration

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

WARNING: 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 and can invalidate any licence granted.

Signature



Date 22/04/2026

Name (*in capitals*) IAN DAVIES

Position in Company Head of Regional Ports

*Applications cannot be processed unless signed by the **Applicant** (not agent), the applicant must have appropriate level of authority within the company.*

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