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Marine Licence with introductory note

The Marine and Coastal Access Act (2009)

Licence Holder: WM Dredging Limited

Company Number: 15813479

Cardiff Marina
Watkiss Way
Cardiff
Wales
CF11 0SY

Maintenance dredging at Aberystwyth
Marina.

Licence Number: DML2626

Annual maintenance dredging campaign using water injection dredging at Aberystwyth Marina

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Introductory note

This introductory note does not form a part of the marine licence

The main features of the marine licence are as follow:

Annual maintenance dredging campaign using water injection dredging (WID) at Aberystwyth Marina. One WID dredging campaign per annum, each taking approx. 10-15 days. Each campaign will remove up to 32,000m³ of sediment to ensure a maximum depth of -2.0mCD

The status log of the marine licence sets out the marine licence history, including any subsequent marine licence variation(s)

Status log of this marine licence		
Description	Date	Comments
Application	18 August 2026	Application received and considered to be duly made
Date licence determined	08 October 2026	Determination date

Related marine licences or applications under determination

Not applicable

End of introductory note.

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MARINE LICENCE, NUMBER DML2626

1 LICENCE DETAILS

1.1 Marine Licence

This is a licence granted by the Licensing Authority in respect of an application numbered **DML2626** and duly made on **18 August 2026** and authorises the Licence Holder to carry out activities for which a licence is required under Part 4 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009, (2009 Act). This licence should be interpreted in accordance with **Section 4**.

1.2 Licence Holder

The Licence Holder is the company set out below:

Company name: WM Dredging Limited

Company number: 15813479

Address: Cardiff Marina, Watkiss Way, Cardiff, Wales, CF11 0SY

1.3 Licence Validity

Licence Start Date	12 October 2026
Licence End Date	12 October 2029
Licence Issue Date	08 October 2026

1.4 Conditions

This licence is subject to the conditions set out in **Section 3**.

Signed:



Dr. Emmer Litt – Marine Licensing Team Leader

For and on behalf of the Licensing Authority

2 LICENSED ACTIVITIES

2.1 Project

Annual maintenance dredging campaign using water injection dredging (WID) at Aberystwyth Marina.

The following Licensed Activities can be conducted within the Licence Period, within the Licensed Area and in accordance with the Approved Application and the Approved Supporting Documents:

Table 1 Licensed Activities

Activity 1 Water Injection Dredging			
Type of Licensed Activity	Dredging		
Description	Annual maintenance dredging campaign using water injection dredging (WID) at Aberystwyth Marina. The WID plant consists of a small vessel / floating pontoon with a powerful water pump and injection arm attached. The average dredge target level within the dredge area is -1.7mCD. To achieve this, a dredging tolerance of 0.3m is required, resulting in a maximum dredge level of -2.0mCD.		
Material to be removed	Silt/sand		
Maximum Dredge Depth	-2.0m CD		
Maximum Dredge Volume	Sample Specific Gravity	m ³ per year	Tonnage per year
	1.5t/m ³ (wet weight)	32,000	48,000

2.2 Licensed Area

The Licence Holder is authorised to conduct the dredging activities described in Table 1 at Aberystwyth Marina, bounded by the coordinates specified in Table 2 and as indicated in the plan attached at Appendix 1.

Table 2 Coordinates

Latitude	Longitude
52.410736	-4.087315
52.410420	-4.086906

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52.410218	-4.086617
52.410150	-4.086549
52.409970	-4.086469
52.409813	-4.086515
52.409649	-4.086698
52.409429	-4.087056
52.408826	-4.088020
52.409004	-4.088255
52.409354	-4.088188
52.409657	-4.088119
52.410026	-4.088047
52.410370	-4.087982
52.410669	-4.087875

In the event of any discrepancy between the coordinates set out above and the plan attached at Appendix 1, the coordinates shall take precedence.

2.3 Approved Supporting Documents

Title/Description of Document	Date Submitted
DML2626 - Aber Marina Dredge_ML Application Form	03 August 2026
DML2626 - Application Form Amendments	14 August 2026
DML2626 - Confirmed coordinates	10 August 2026
DML2626 - Aber Marina Dredge_HRA Stage 1 Info_FINAL	03 August 2026
DML2626 - Aber Marina Dredge_WFD Assessment Info_FINAL	03 August 2026
DML2626 - Aberystwyth Marina WNMP Assessment	03 August 2026
DML2626 - Aberystwyth Marina_Biosecurity RA	03 August 2026
DML2626 - sediment sample analysis results	03 August 2026

3 CONDITIONS

Notification and Inspection

3.1 Notification of Commencement

- 3.1.1 The Licence Holder must notify the Licensing Authority no less than **10 days** before the commencement of the Licensed Activities, or an individual phase of the Licensed Activities, is expected to commence.
- 3.1.2 The Licence Holder must notify Welsh Government Marine & Fisheries Division (Control & Enforcement Branch) no less than **10 days** before the commencement of the Licensed Activities, or an individual phase of the Licensed Activities, is expected to commence.
- 3.1.3 The Licence Holder must ensure that local mariners and fishermen's organisations are made fully aware of the Licensed Activities through local notices to mariners **10 days** prior to the commencement of the Licensed Activities.
- 3.1.4 The Licence Holder must ensure that notification is sent to The Source Data Receipt team, UK Hydrographic Office (email: sdr@ukho.gov.uk) at least **10 days** prior to commencement of the works. The information supplied must include the start date and end date, a description of the works, positions of the work area (WGS84), and details of any marking arrangements.

3.2 Notification of Vessels and/or Vehicles

The Licence Holder must ensure that the details of the vessels and/or vehicles utilised to undertake the Licensed Activities are submitted to the Licensing Authority and Welsh Government Marine & Fisheries Division (Control & Enforcement Branch) at least **24 hours** prior to the commencement of the Licensed Activities.

3.3 Notification of Agents/Contractors/Sub-contractors

The Licence Holder must ensure that details of any agent(s), contractor(s) or sub-contractor(s) utilised to undertake the Licensed Activities are submitted to the Licensing Authority at least **24 hours** prior to the commencement of Licensed Activities.

3.4 Notification of HM Coastguard

The Licence Holder must ensure that HM Coastguard is made aware of the Licensed Activities at least **24 hours** prior to commencement by contacting The National Maritime Operations Centre at zone29@hmcg.gov.uk.

3.5 Inspection of Licensed Activities

The Licence Holder must allow Marine Enforcement Officers or any other person authorised by the Licensing Authority to inspect the Works at any reasonable time.

3.6 Notification of Completion

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- 3.6.1** The Licence Holder must notify the Licensing Authority within **10 days** of completion of the Licensed Activities.
- 3.6.2** The Licence Holder must notify Welsh Government Marine & Fisheries Division (Control & Enforcement Branch) within **10 days** of completion of the Licensed Activities.
- 3.6.3** The Licence Holder must notify the UK Hydrographic Office of the Licensed Area and the Licensed Activities within **10 days** of the completion of the Licensed Activities.

3.7 Accident or Emergency

- 3.7.1** If, by reason of force majeure any substances or articles are deposited otherwise than as permitted as part of the Licensed Activities or in the Licensed Area full details of the circumstances shall be notified to the Licensing Authority within **48 hours** of the incident occurring.
- 3.7.2** If it is necessary for the Licence Holder to recover or remove any equipment, plant or machinery used to undertake the Licensed Activities that have been dropped as a result of an accident or emergency, the Licence Holder is permitted to do so provided that the methodology for such recovery or removal has been approved by the Licensing Authority.

3.8 Distribution of Copies of this Licence

The Licence Holder is required to ensure that a copy of this Licence is given to:

- All agent(s), contractor(s) and sub-contractor(s) whose names have been provided to the Licensing Authority under condition 3.3 and
- The Masters of any vessels and transport managers responsible for the vehicles employed in accordance with this Licence whose details have been submitted to the Licensing Authority under condition 3.2.

3.9 Inspection of Documents

Copies of this Licence shall be made available at the following locations:

- at the address of the Licence Holder specified in section 1.2;
- at any site office, located at or adjacent to the Licensed Area, used by the Licence Holder or its agent(s), contractor(s) or sub-contractor(s) responsible for the loading transportation or deposit of any substances or articles permitted as part of the Licensed Activities;
- on board each vessel or vehicle carrying out Licensed Activities.

The documents referred to in this Condition shall be available at all reasonable times for inspection by officers appropriately authorised by the Licensing Authority and authorised Marine Enforcement Officers at the locations stated in that paragraph.

Vessels, Plant and Equipment

3.10 Notified Contractors, Vessels and/or Vehicles only to Carry out Licensed Activities

Only those agent(s), contractor(s), sub-contractor(s), vessels and/or vehicles whose details have been notified to the Licensing Authority may operate under the terms of this Licence. Any changes must be notified to and be approved by the Licensing Authority in writing prior to any such agent, contractor, subcontractors or vehicles carrying out any Licensed Activities pursuant to or otherwise operating under this Licence.

3.11 Refuelling of Plant and Equipment

The Licence Holder must ensure that plant, vehicles and machinery are not refuelled on the foreshore or in the sea.

3.12 Equipment, Structures and Access

The Licence Holder must ensure that all equipment, temporary structures, access tracks, waste and/or debris associated with the Licensed Activities are removed on completion of the Licensed activities.

Safety

3.13 Removal of Deposited Material

If the Licensing Authority considers it necessary or advisable for the safety of navigation, the Licence Holder must remove any deposit specified by the Licensing Authority or Marine Enforcement Officers within one month of notice being given by the Licensing Authority and shall not replace such material until the Licensing Authority has given its written approval.

Pollution control

3.14 Pollution Prevention

The Licence Holder must ensure that pollution prevention best practice is adhered to at all times. Any incidents must be reported to the Licensing Authority as soon as possible using the hotline number **0300 065 3000**.

3.15 Spillage of Pollutants

The Licence Holder must employ bunding, storage facilities and spill kits to contain and prevent the release of fuel, oils and chemicals associated with the plant, refuelling and construction equipment into the marine environment. Secondary containment must be used with a capacity of **no less than 110%** of the container's storage capacity

3.16 Prevention of Disposal of Man-made Debris

The Licence Holder must ensure that all reasonable precautions are taken to prevent the disposal of man-made debris to the marine environment. Such material must be removed immediately and be disposed of appropriately. If it is not possible to prevent

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manmade debris from entering the marine environment during the Licensed Activities, the Licensed Activities must cease immediately.

3.17 Cleanliness of Equipment

The Licence Holder must ensure that equipment, machinery and PPE are washed with freshwater and/or thoroughly airdried before deployment and before moving between locations.

Activity Specific Conditions

3.18 Biosecurity Risk Assessment

The Licence Holder must implement any actions outlined in “*DML2626 - Aberystwyth Marina_Biosecurity RA*”, submitted 03 August 2026. Any proposed changes to the actions outlined in this document must be submitted to, and approved in writing by the Licensing Authority prior to any changes being enacted.

3.19 Dredging Timing Restriction

3.19.1 The Licence Holder must ensure that no Licensed Activities take place between **15 May** and **30 September** inclusive, without prior written approval from the Licensing Authority.

3.19.2 The Licence Holder must ensure that Licensed Activities are only undertaken between 1 hour before high tide and 1 hour before low tide to ensure ebb tide conditions for the dispersal of dredged material.

4 INTERPRETATION

In this Licence terms are as defined in section 115 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act unless otherwise stated.

- (a) **"2009 Act"** means the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009;
- (b) **"Approved Application"** means the Marine Licence Application Form together with the Approved Supporting Documents;
- (c) **"Approved Supporting Documents"** means the documents supporting, or supplementary to, the Approved Application, submitted prior to the Licence Issue Date, listed in the Table at paragraph 2.3 above;
- (d) **"Commencement"** means the first undertaking of any Licensed Activities;
- (e) **"Force majeure"** may be deemed to apply when, due to stress of weather or any other cause, the master of a vessel determines that it is necessary to deposit the substances or articles because the safety of human life and/or of the vessel is threatened;
- (f) **"Licensed Activities"** means the activities authorised by this licence as specified in 2.1;
- (g) **"Licensed Area"** means the area within which Licensed Activities are authorised by this licence as specified in section 2.2;
- (h) **"Licence Holder"** means the person(s) or organisation(s) named in section 1.2 to whom this licence is granted;
- (i) **"Licence Period"** means the period beginning with the Licence Start Date and ending on the Licence End Date;
- (j) **"Licensing Authority"** means Natural Resources Wales acting on behalf of the Welsh Ministers;
- (k) **"Marine Enforcement Officers"** means the relevant officers appointed by Welsh Ministers under section 235 of the 2009 Act, contact details for whom are provided in section 5;
- (l) **"Marine Licence Application Form"** means the application form forming part of the application referred to in paragraph 1.1;
- (m) **"Method Statement"** means the Method Statement(s) forming part of the Approved Application or Approved Supporting Documents;

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- (n) **“Works”** means any construction activities comprised in the Licensed Activities and, where the context permits, includes any plant, equipment or materials used to carry out those activities or operations but excludes monitoring, minor routine maintenance or other ongoing operational activities following completion of any construction activities;
- (o) all times shall be taken to be the time in Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) on any given day;
- (p) all co-ordinates shall be taken to be latitude and longitude decimal degree (WGS 84)
- (q) in the event of any discrepancy between the coordinates listed in paragraph 2.2 and the plan attached at Appendix 1, the coordinates shall take precedence.

5 CONTACTS

Except where otherwise indicated, the primary point of contact with the Licensing Authority and the address for returns, correspondence and requests for variations of the licence is:

Marine Licensing Team
Natural Resources Wales
Welsh Government Offices
Cathays Park
King Edward VII Avenue
Cardiff
CF10 3NQ
Tel: 0300 065 3000
Email: marinelicensing@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk

Welsh Government Marine Enforcement Officers may be contacted at:

Welsh Government
Suite 3
Cedar Court
Haven's Head Business Park
Milford Haven Pembrokeshire
SA73 3LS

Tel: 03000253500
Email: MarineLicencingEnforcement@gov.wales

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Appendix 1

