

## **Marine Licence with introductory note**

The Marine and Coastal Access Act (2009)

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**Licence Holder:**

Ceredigion County Council  
Rhodfa Padarn  
Llanbadarn Fawr  
Aberystwyth  
Ceredigion  
SY23 3UE

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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 follows.

Deposit of dredge material from Aberaeron Harbour at the disposal sites of Spending Beach (IS016) and Aberaeron South Beach (IS017). 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**

<b>Description</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Application	Duly made 08/06/2021	Application received and considered to be duly made
Date licence determined	17/09/2021	Determination date

#### **Related marine licences or applications under determination**

Not applicable

End of introductory note.

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**MARINE LICENCE, NUMBER DML2130**

**1 LICENCE DETAILS**

**1.1 Marine Licence**

This is a licence granted by the Licensing Authority in respect of an application numbered **DML2130** and duly made on **08 June 2021** and authorises the Licence Holder to carry on 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 organisation set out below:

**Organisation name:** Ceredigion County Council

**Address:** Ceredigion County Council, Rhodfa Padarn, Llanbadarn Fawr, Aberystwyth, SY23 3UE

**1.3 Licence Validity**

<b>Licence Start Date</b>	<b>01 February 2022</b>
<b>Licence End Date</b>	<b>31 January 2025</b>
<b>Licence Issue Date</b>	<b>17 September 2021</b>

**1.4 Conditions**

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

**Signed:**



For and on behalf of the Licensing Authority

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## 2 LICENSED ACTIVITIES

### 2.1 Project

Deposit of dredge material from Aberaeron Harbour at the disposal sites of Spending Beach (IS016) and Aberaeron South Beach (IS017).

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 Dredge / Disposal Activities**

<b>Activity 1 Deposit of dredge material</b>		
Marine Licensable Activity Type	Deposit	
Description	Deposit of dredged material arising from maintenance dredging of Aberaeron Harbour by means of excavator. Material is to be deposited at the disposal sites of Spending Beach (IS016) and Aberaeron South Beach (IS017).	
Maximum Deposit	Tonnage per year <b>2,000</b>	
Deposit Location A	Site Code: <b>IS016</b>	Site Name: <b>Spending Beach</b>
Material Type A	Silt, mud, sand and gravel.	
Deposit Location B	Site Code: <b>IS017</b>	Site Name: <b>Aberaeron South Beach</b>
Material Type B	Silt, mud, sand and gravel.	

### 2.2 Licensed Area

The Licence Holder is only authorised to deposit material dredged from the area bounded by the coordinates specified in Table 2.

<b>Aberaeron Harbour – Dredge Zone</b>	
<b>Latitude</b>	<b>Longitude</b>
52.243327	-4.2640247
52.242701	-4.2647546
52.241833	-4.2617514
52.242111	-4.2613261

The Licence Holder is authorised to conduct the deposit activities described in Table 1 / comprised in Activity 1 at the location bounded by the coordinates specified in Table 3.

**Table 3 Permitted Deposit Locations**

<b>Spending Beach IS016</b>	
<b>Latitude</b>	<b>Longitude</b>
52.241807	-4.2616769
52.241810	-4.2615452
52.242050	-4.2612205
52.241980	-4.2610998

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<b>Aberaeron South Beach IS017</b>	
<b>Latitude</b>	<b>Longitude</b>
52.242973	-4.2655741
52.243052	-4.2656806
52.242842	-4.2658311
52.242800	-4.2657117

**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**

<b>Title/Description of Document</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Version No.</b>
DML2130 Marine Licence application form dredge and disposal Aberaeron 2021	25/05/2021	1
SP2101_NRW PS Analysis Results on Template	25/05/2021	1
DML2130 ED3446 Aberaeron Harbour Dredging_Biosecurity Plan	25/05/2021	1
DML2130 ED3446 02 - Aberaeron Harbour XS	25/05/2021	1
DML2130 ED3446 01 - Aberaeron Harbour GA	25/05/2021	1
DML2130 ED3446_Aberaeron Harbour Disposal Plan	01/09/2021	1

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### 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 Enforcement Officers 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.

##### 3.2 Notification of Vehicles

The Licence Holder must ensure that the details of the vehicles utilised to undertake the Licensed Activities are submitted to the Licensing Authority and Marine Enforcement Officers 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 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 prior to commencement by contacting The National Maritime Operations Centre at [nmoccontroller@hmcg.gov.uk](mailto:nmoccontroller@hmcg.gov.uk).

##### 3.5 Inspection of Licensed Activities

The Licence Holder must allow officers of the Maritime and Coastguard Agency, Marine Enforcement Officer or any other person authorised by the Licensing Authority to inspect the Licensed Activities at any reasonable time.

##### 3.6 Notification of Completion

The Licence Holder must notify the Licensing Authority and authorised Marine Enforcement Officers within **10 days** of completion of the Licensed Activities.

##### 3.7 Force Majeure

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

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circumstances shall be notified to the Licensing Authority within **48 hours** of the incident occurring.

### **3.8 Distribution of Copies of this Licence**

The Licence Holder is required to ensure that a copy of this licence, and any subsequent revisions or amendments thereto is given to:

- All agents, contractors and subcontractors whose names have been provided to the Licensing Authority pursuant to condition 3.3; and
- The Masters of any vessels and transport managers responsible for the vehicles and/or vessels employed in the pursuance of this licence whose details have been submitted to the Licensing Authority pursuant to 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, vehicle or at the office of any transport manager with responsibility for vehicles from which any deposits of materials authorised by this licence are to be made.

The documents referred to in this condition shall be available at all times when the Licensed Activities are being undertaken for inspection by officers appropriately authorised by the Licensing Authority and authorised Marine Enforcement Officers at the locations stated in this paragraph.

## **Vessels, Plant and Equipment**

### **3.10 Notified Contractors and Vehicles only to Carry out Licensed Activities**

Only those agents, contractors, subcontractors and 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 Standard of Vehicles**

Any vehicles employed to perform any operations permitted by this licence shall be so constructed and equipped as to be capable of the proper performance of these operations.

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### **3.12 Refuelling**

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

## **Safety**

### **3.13 Safety of Licensed Activities**

The Licence Holder must ensure that the Licensed Activities are maintained in a safe condition that does not represent a danger to the environment, or other marine users, at all times.

### **3.14 Removal of Deposited Material**

The Licence Holder must remove any deposited material within one month of notice being given by Licensing Authority or Marine Enforcement Officers if they consider this necessary or advisable for the safety of navigation, and shall not replace such material until the Licensing Authority or Marine Enforcement Officers have given their written approval.

### **3.15 Government Assistance**

If, in the opinion of the Licensing Authority or Marine Enforcement Officers, the assistance of a Government Department, including the broadcast of navigational warnings, is required in connection with the Licensed Activities or to deal with any emergency arising from the drifting or wreck of the Licensed Activities, the Licence Holder will be liable for any expense incurred in securing such assistance.

## **Pollution control**

### **3.16 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**.

### **3.17 Spillage of Pollutants**

The Licence Holder must ensure bunding, storage facilities and spill kits are employed where appropriate to contain and prevent the release of fuel, oils and chemicals associated with the plant, refuelling and construction equipment into the marine environment.

### **3.18 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 area. Such material must be removed immediately and be disposed of appropriately. If it is not possible to prevent man-made debris from entering the marine environment during the Licensed Activities, the Licensed Activities must cease immediately.

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### **3.19 Biosecurity**

- 3.19.1** The Licence Holder must ensure all equipment, materials, machinery and Personal Protective Equipment used as part of the Licensed Activities are in a clean condition prior to their arrival at and subsequent departure from the Licensed Area to minimise risk of introducing non-native species into the marine environment.
- 3.19.2** The Licence Holder must implement the Biosecurity Risk Assessment dated **10 December 2020** and approved by NRW acting on behalf of the Licensing Authority. Any proposed changes to the actions outlined in the Biosecurity Risk Assessment must be submitted to and agreed in writing by NRW acting on behalf of the Licensing Authority prior to any changes being enacted
- 3.19.3** The Licence Holder must submit an updated Biosecurity Risk Assessment to NRW acting on behalf of the Licensing Authority for written approval by the **31 January** each year, starting **January 2022**.

### **3.20 Dropped Objects**

Should it be necessary for the Licence Holder to recover or remove from the Licensed Area any equipment, plant or machinery accidentally dropped when undertaking the Licensed Activities, the Licence Holder is permitted to do so provided that the methodology for such recovery or removal has been approved by the Licensing Authority.

### **Activity-specific Conditions**

#### **3.21 Disposal Returns**

- 3.21.1** Certified returns of quantities of substances or articles deposited under this Licence are required to be submitted on the attached disposal return form by **31 January** and **31 July** each year. The returns must specify the full Licence number and amount deposited each calendar month at each authorised Deposit Area. Where no deposit is made in a given period a NIL return is required.
- 3.21.2** If this Licence expires during the course of the calendar year and is not renewed or superseded by a further Licence relating to the Licensed Activities specified in paragraph 2.1, a certified return of quantities of substances or articles deposited under this Licence, shall be submitted not later than **28 working days** after the expiry date of this Licence.

#### **3.22 Evenly Deposit Material**

The Licence Holder must ensure that during the course of disposal, material is distributed evenly over the Spending Beach (IS016) and/or Aberaeron South Beach (IS017) disposal grounds.

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### **3.23 Implementation of Disposal Plan**

The Licence Holder must implement the measures outlined in document DML2130 ED3446\_Aberaeron Harbour Disposal Plan. The disposal plan must be available for inspection at all reasonable times at the locations detailed in section 1.2 by the Licensing Authority and/or Marine Enforcement Officers.

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#### **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 in decimal degrees to 6 decimal
- (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  
Permitting Service  
29 Newport Road  
Cambria House  
Cardiff  
CF24 0TP

Tel: 0300 065 3000

Email: [marinelicensing@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk](mailto: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: [wfmccmpc@gov.wales](mailto:wfmccmpc@gov.wales)

Appendix 1

