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Case reference:
MLA/2015/00334/14

27th February 2026

Dear Mr Harrison,

Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 Section 72

Marine Licence - Notice of Variation

Ref: MLA/2015/00334/14

The Marine Management Organisation (MMO), as the Licensing Authority, has now completed its consideration of your variation request dated **04 February 2026** under Part 4 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 to: *extend the licence period until September 2026*.

After careful consideration of all the evidence submitted to the MMO, notice is hereby given that the MMO varies the marine licence in accordance with section 72(3)(d) of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009. Our decision has been taken in accordance with the North East Marine Plan. The marine licence authorising the proposed marine activity is hereby attached with this letter.

Since this licence constitutes a statutory consent, the terms and conditions set out therein must be complied with in full and are also binding upon any agent or sub-contractor who undertakes any activity to which it refers on your behalf. You are therefore advised to read the document carefully.

This variation has immediate effect from the date of this notice.

Appealing a decision

In accordance with regulation 3 of The Marine Licensing (Notices Appeals) Regulations 2011, you may appeal the notice of variation to the First-tier Tribunal. If you wish to appeal then in accordance with Rule 22(1)(b) of the Tribunal Procedure (First-tier Tribunal) (General Regulatory Chamber) Rules 2009 (SI 2009/1976) you



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have 28 days from the date of the sending of this Notice to send or deliver a notice of appeal to the First-tier Tribunal.

A copy of notes for the guidance of persons wishing to appeal a licensing decision is available on request.

Additional consents

I would further advise you that the issue of this marine licence does not absolve you from seeking any other consents or approvals which may be required before you embark upon the works to which it refers. For example, Planning Consent is often necessary for works to be undertaken above the low water mark. In addition, agreement may be required from any land owner having proprietary rights over the seabed and foreshore - commonly the Crown Estate Commissioners. In some cases approval of the Environment Agency may also be necessary (e.g. where the works involve a discharge or have implications for flood defences).

Other matters

It is advised that all information associated with the dredge activity is submitted to PD Ports so that any relevant information can be included within any updated maintenance dredge protocol that may be available for the estuary. This will help to ensure a holistic consideration of all maintenance dredge activity within the estuary.

Under Regulation 17(4) of the Eels (England and Wales) Regulations 2009, on or after 1 January 2015, a responsible person must ensure an eel screen is placed in a diversion structure that:

1. is capable of abstracting at least 20 cubic metres of water through any one point in any 24-hour period; or
2. returns water to a channel, bed or sea.

Please contact the Environment Agency (EA) in order for them to determine the level of risk to eel of the proposed dredging works and if the works require an eel screen or any alternative risk reduction measures, or if the activity can be exempted by the Agency.

When contacting the EA please provide a method statement including:

- details of the proposed dredging technique and equipment to be used (e.g., pump specifications);
- dredging methodology, timings, duration, and location.

The EA can be contacted by email at NENORTHFRB@environment-agency.gov.uk or telephone on 03708 506 506. You can find more information on Part 4 of the Eels Regulations by visiting: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/safe-passage-for-eels>. You can contact the Environment Agency's National Customer Contact Centre to:



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- ask to be put in touch with your local Environment Agency Fisheries Officer if you need help and advice on complying with the Eels Regulations.
 - request a copy of 'Screening at Intakes and Outfalls: Measures to Protect Eel'
 - request a copy of 'The Eels Regulations: Delivering Safe Passage for Eels'.
- National Customer Contact Centre PO Box 544 Rotherham S60 1BY Email: enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk Telephone: 03708 506 506 Monday to Friday, 8am to 6pm

Yours sincerely

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