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Dear Mr Andrew Ridley,

**Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009  
Application for a Marine Licence (Ref: MLA/2012/00141)**

The Marine Management Organisation (MMO), as the Licensing Authority, has now completed its consideration of your application dated 28 Mar 2012 for a Marine Licence under Part 4 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 to undertake disposal of dredged material from the River Tees and Hartlepool Bay area.

After careful consideration of all the evidence submitted to the MMO, a 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.

**Acceptance of the Licence Terms & Conditions**

I would like to draw your attention in particular to the requirement for the Licence Holder to confirm receipt and understanding of the terms and conditions of the Licence. Confirmation is to be sent to the MMO using the confirmation form which will be emailed to you shortly.

Your reply should reach us within 10 days of receipt of this notice and before the start of works, failing which the Licence shall cease to be of effect.

**Appealing a decision**

You may appeal within 6 months of the issue of this Licence against a decision made on your application. This can include an appeal against the inclusion of any provision within the licence or the length of licence granted. A notice of appeal should be sent to the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) who will then manage and decide any appeal against our decision.

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 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).

## **Advice from the Environment Agency**

With regard to the potential impacts on migratory salmonids, background conditions are likely to be stressful during the warm summer months. The smolt migration will occur during April to June and numbers of returning adults are likely to peak in early autumn.

To reduce the risks to migratory fish, we would recommend that dredging in chart areas\* 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 should only occur during a time window from the beginning of November till the end of March inclusive wherever possible. Chart areas 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 may be maintenance dredged throughout the year.

\* Chart areas are taken from the Tees Maintenance Dredging Annual Review 2011 PD Teesport (included in the Marine Licence application)

## **Terms and Conditions**

Finally, if you have any queries or require clarification of any of the terms or conditions of the Licence, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours sincerely

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