

MMO Coastal Consultation Questions:

1. **Has sufficient information been provided to enable you to undertake an inspection of the licenced activities, should a licence be granted?**

Yes, there is enough information to understand the scope, methods and equipment being used. When the proposed works are about to commence, an up-to-date schedule including dates of the works for each phase would be beneficial to aid inspection.

2. **Are the proposed activities likely to interfere with fishing operations or activities carried on by other legitimate users of the sea?**

The nearest local fishing ports are Redcar and Hartlepool. The lobster and crab fisheries are year-round and operate out of these ports. The nearest fishing activities would be crab and lobster fisheries occurring in the estuary during the summer months. Given the activities location it is highly unlikely to impact on fishing operations.

Significant quantities of dredged material have been disposed of at the Tees Bay C site and these disposal quantities are in line with previous disposals. It is unlikely this disposal will have an impact on fishing operations given the site's history.

3. **Are the proposed activities likely to have an impact on fish/shellfish stocks e.g. smothering fish beds etc.?**

Given the location of the activity, and that dredging operations will be minimal following initial capital dredge it will have little impact on fish stocks.

4. **Are there any periods when the proposed activity would be unacceptable for any reason?**

Fishing activities are highly unlikely to be impacted by the proposed activities.

5. **Are local stakeholders aware of the proposed activity and are there any strong opinions about it?**

Not known

6. **Is there any additional local knowledge about the condition of local conservation areas which the licensing team should be aware of?**

Not known

7. **Are there any other projects planned or in progress in the area that the licensing team should consider?**

Not known.

8. **Are there any conditions which you recommend are included in the licence, should one be granted? Please provide a reason for each condition**

No

9. **Which MMO office should be identified as the 'local office' in section 2 of the licence, should one be granted?**

North Shields & Scarborough

10. **Please provide any other relevant comments.**

Consider ensuring that any sampling undertaken should cover the increase in dredging depth from 11m bCD to 11.5m bCD.