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Marine Adviser Environment Screening Stage Report

Re: FS007192 – Sampling of soil from saltmarsh in Baldoyle Estuary, Co. Dublin.

Applicant: University College Dublin

I have reviewed the Foreshore Application FS007192. My comments on and recommendations for this application are as follows:

As the Department's Marine Environment Advisor I conducted an independent assessment of the information provided by the Applicant, having regard to the Habitats, Birds and EIA Directives.

Risk Assessment of Annex IV Species


Having considered the application by UCD this is a localised sampling event. Access to the shore is on foot and will involve a very small number of people. Therefore there will be no disturbance to Annex IV species or to their habitat.

Article 6(3) of Directive (92/43/EEC) (as amended) (Habitats Directive): Following a review of the proposed project, I completed **Screening for Appropriate Assessment** (see attached report) which concluded that a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment was not required as the project, individually or in combination with other plans or projects, is not likely to have a significant effect on European sites.

This a very minor undertaking with no ecological affects to Annex I habitats or Annex II or IV species.

My signed Recommending Officer's **Screening for Appropriate Assessment Determination** which requires the signature of the Minister as part of the decision-makers obligations under the Habitats Directive is contained in the Appendix.

Signature and Date of Recommending Officer - Marine Adviser Environment:



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