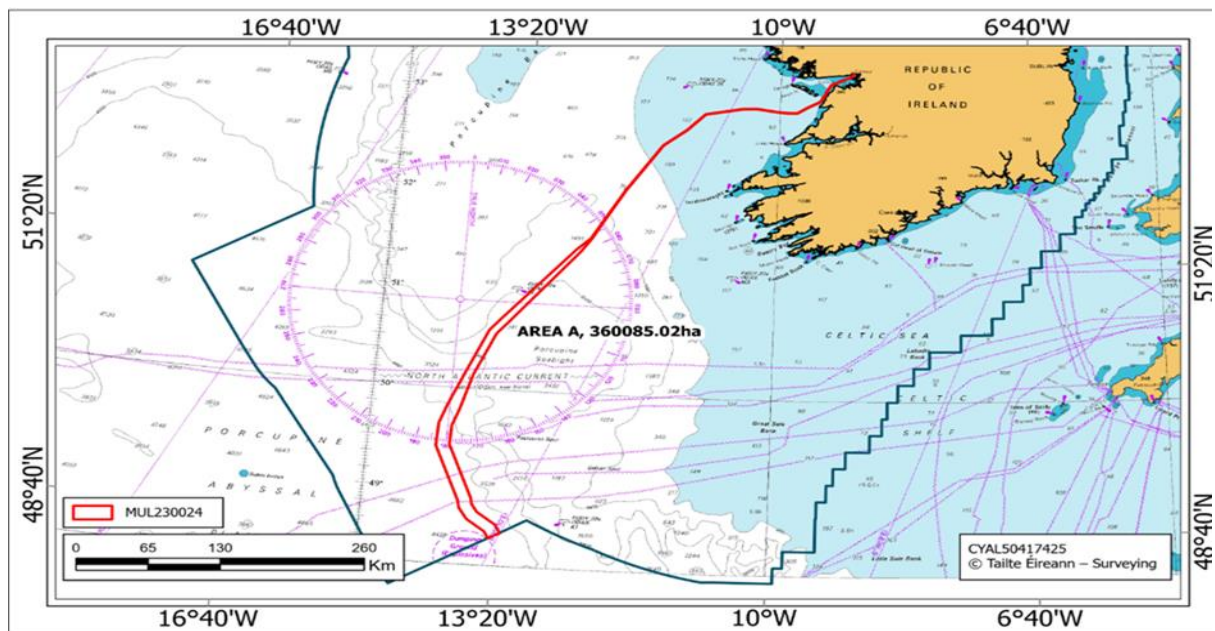


PUBLIC NOTICE

The Maritime Area Planning Act 2021 and the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011

Invitation for public submissions on an application for a maritime usage licence and an appropriate assessment

Deep Sea Fibre Networks Ltd submitted an application on 19th April 2024 to the Maritime Area Regulatory Authority (“MARA”) for a maritime usage licence under section 117 of the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021 to undertake marine environmental surveys for the purposes of site investigations to inform the feasibility constructing a new subsea telecoms cable system PISCES which is proposed to link Ireland to EU member states. Specifically, the site investigations will inform the location and design of the cable route and landfall site. It is proposed that the cable will have landfall at Ballyloughane Strand in Galway Bay, prior to traversing Galway Bay a south westerly direction through the Irish maritime area.



A related Natura impact statement has been submitted with the above licence application. The licence application and the Natura impact

statement are available for inspection on MARA's website [MUL230024 - MARA - The Maritime Regulator](#) and at the following address by appointment – Maritime Area Regulatory Authority, 2nd Floor, Menapia House, Drinagh Business Park, Drinagh, Wexford, Y35 RF29.

Members of the public who wish to make a submission in writing to MARA on the licence application and the Natura impact statement may do so quoting ref: **MUL230024** to the following e-mail address licence@mara.gov.ie or by post to the following address - Licence Unit, Maritime Area Regulatory Authority, 2nd Floor, Menapia House, Drinagh Business Park, Drinagh, Wexford, Y35 RF29.

The closing date and time for a written submission to be received by MARA is 17.30pm on **24th February 2025**.

MARA will then, as soon as practicable, carry out the appropriate assessment determination in accordance with regulation 42 of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011. After the determination, MARA will either grant, part grant or refuse the licence application.

Dated this 24th day of January 2025

The Maritime Area Regulatory Authority