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Our ref: NA/2018/114235/01-L01
Your ref: MLA/2015/00334/4
Date: 21 September 2018

Dear Sir/Madam

APPLICATION (DISPOSAL OF DREDGED MATERIAL, NAVIGATIONAL DREDGING (CAPITAL), NAVIGATIONAL DREDGING (MAINTENANCE)) (VARIATION TO EXTEND CURRENT DREDGING AREA AND REMOVE CONDITION RELATING TO FISH MIGRATION) ABLE SEATON PORT BERTHS, HOLDING BASIN AND CHANNEL NZ 63443 32879 TEES BAY.

Thank you for your letter in respect of the above application to vary an existing marine licence which we received on 29 August 2018. Our comments detailed below relate to the relaxation of operational restrictions for the TERRC Basin. Please note, we have no comments on the variation of dredge area or depth.

Proposed variation to Condition 5 of Licence L/2017/00012/3

The applicant proposes to relax Condition 5 and considers that the restriction on dredging to allow fish migration is not necessary for operation in TERRC Basin since no migrating fish pass through TERRC Basin.

In order to minimise the risk of contravening European Eel regulations we would request that migration restrictions remain in place for elvers passively entering the Tees from May to July.

We accept that salmon and sea trout would be unlikely to use the dock as a migratory route.

Proposed variation to Condition 6 of Licence L/2017/00012/3

The applicant details that the prohibition on dredging during the months of February and March is not considered necessary for ploughing operations or water injection dredging, since neither would affect fish spawning grounds at the deposit locations.



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We are happy with the proposed relaxing of Condition 6 in relation to fish spawning.

If you have any questions in respect of the above, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

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