



Marine Notice No. 56 of 2023

Amended 20/09/2023

Notice to all Shipowners, Fishing Vessel Owners, Agents, Shipmasters, Skippers, Fishers,
Yachtsmen and Seafarers

Greater Dublin Drainage Project Benthic Survey

1. Notice of Activity

The Department of Transport has been advised by Uisce Éireann that it will carry out a benthic survey from **21 September 2023** until **22 September 2023**, subject to weather and operational constraints.

2. Location of Activity

The survey will take place in the vicinity of the proposed Greater Dublin Drainage (GDD) outfall route and diffuser location, east of Portmarnock Beach and north of Ireland's Eye Island. Survey operations will be undertaken at eight sampling locations as outlined in table below and as shown in the map in the Appendix to this notice.

| Station | Latitude | Longitude |
|---------|------------------|------------------|
| ES4 | 53° 24' 54.62" N | 006° 6' 09.79" W |
| ES5 | 53° 24' 53.53" N | 006° 5' 24.07" W |
| ES6 | 53° 24' 51.83" N | 006° 4' 02.37" W |
| ES7 | 53° 24' 51.80" N | 006° 2' 35.40" W |
| ES8 | 53° 24' 36.91" N | 006° 5' 04.46" W |
| ES9 | 53° 25' 09.23" N | 006° 5' 02.41" W |
| ES10 | 53° 24' 34.27" N | 006° 3' 17.25" W |
| ES11 | 53° 25' 06.59" N | 006° 3' 15.02" W |

3. Details of Survey Vessels

The survey will be conducted using the local work vessel **Ros Aine** (call sign: **EIZG5**). The vessel will mobilise the scientific equipment from Howth. It will operate onsite daily during daylight hours only. Each sample site will be subjected to a seabed investigation where a sampler or dropdown camera will be in momentary contact with the seabed. Neither the equipment nor the vessel will be anchored to the seabed at any time. The vessel will display appropriate shapes and lights during operations. It is requested that all marine traffic maintains a wide berth whilst operations are underway. The **Ros Aine** can be contacted via **VHF radio Ch 16**.

4. Contact Details

Enquiries regarding the contents of this Marine Notice, or any relevant matters, should be directed to:

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The Fisheries Liaison Officer will be available to discuss operations in advance and throughout the duration of the survey campaign.

All mariners are reminded of their responsibilities under the International Collision Regulations and of [Marine Notice No. 17 of 2007](#), which gives general advice in relation to the activities of vessels engaged in survey work for hydrographic, seismic, fishing research and underwater operations.

The International Regulations for Prevention of Collisions at Sea (COLREGS) are implemented in Irish law by the *Merchant Shipping (Collision Regulations) (Ships and Water Craft on the Water) Order 2012* [S.I. No. 507 of 2012] and the *Signals of Distress (Ships) Rules 2012* [S.I. No.170 of 2012]. [See Marine Notice No. 06 of 2013](#). These Statutory Instruments may be purchased by mail order from Government Publications, Office of Public Works, Mountshannon Road, Dublin, D08 XA06; Tel: (046) 9423100. They are also available online at: www.irishstatutebook.ie.

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Encl: **Appendix: Map**

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Appendix: Map

