

# Regulations An increasing burden?

An overview of dredging and disposal licences  
within Ireland

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## The increasing time to grant a licence

- Make up of licensing authorities
- The increase in new regulations
- Time to process applications



## Ireland's perspective on various licence issues

- Ploughing, Water Injection Dredging (WID)
- Archaeology
- Cetaceans
- Distribution of licence
- Load line surveys
- Recording of disposal operation



## Ireland v International Legislation

- No agreement of standards between countries
- Some countries have brought in very complex regulations
- Many countries have no specific legislation but undertake Environmental Impact Assessments for dredging works
- EC Directives govern the disposal of dredged material
- Ireland using lower contaminant thresholds



## Closing remarks

- Take a more balanced view when considering licence applications
- Recognise the effects of naturally occurring events
- Recognise the effects of commercial fishing
- Regulations should be interpreted and applied in the context of the above

