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For the attention of: Mr. D. C. Spooner, Regulatory Advisor, Marine Minerals Team,
Marine and Fisheries Agency, 3-8 Whitehall Place, London SW1A 2HH.

Dear Mr. Spooner, Marine Minerals Dredging Regulations.

Thank you for your letter of 30th October 2007 which responded to our letter dated 20th August 2007. We are grateful for the information.

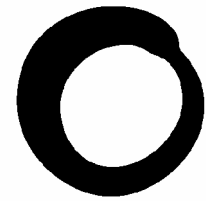
In the new version of Marine Minerals Guidance Note 2, operative since 1st May 2007, we note in Section 4.21 that when the Marine and Fisheries Agency is in receipt of a licence application it will notify all statutory consultees and “any other person or organisation promoting protection of marine waters”.

Accordingly, may we request that the Marine and Fisheries Agency henceforth routinely advise MARINET, the Marine Network of Friends of the Earth Local Groups and affiliated members, of all licence applications received by your Agency, including applications for the renewal of existing licences.

I would be grateful if you would confirm whether your Agency can so assist.

Yours sincerely

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On behalf of
MARINET.



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