



## Marine Notice No. 22 of 2026

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

### Plough Dredging at Buncrana Harbour

#### 1. Notice of Activity

The Department of Transport has been informed that Donegal County Council proposes to carry out plough dredging at Buncrana Harbour in Lough Swilly between **5 May** and **15 May 2026**. Dredging is estimated to take 2 weeks to complete, subject to operational and weather constraints.

#### 2. Location of Activity

Dredging will be carried out along the berthing face of Buncrana pier and for a distance of 200 m SW of the head of the pier and also at the approach to the slipway as shown in Appendix 1 to this Marine Notice. The limits of the dump site are shown in the table in Appendix 2. Plough Dredging will be carried out during daylight hours only, from 0700 hrs to 1900 hrs.

#### 3. Details of Vessel

Plough dredging will be carried out using the pusher tug “**Otterbank**” (call sign: **MWVJ5**), which is 17 m in length overall and 5 m in width. The vessel will display appropriate lights and signals and can be contacted on VHF Ch 14. All vessels, particularly those engaged in fishing, are requested to leave a wide berth during the operations, pass at minimum speed and keep a sharp look out while navigating in the area.

#### 4. Contact Details

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

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**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](http://www.irishstatutebook.ie).

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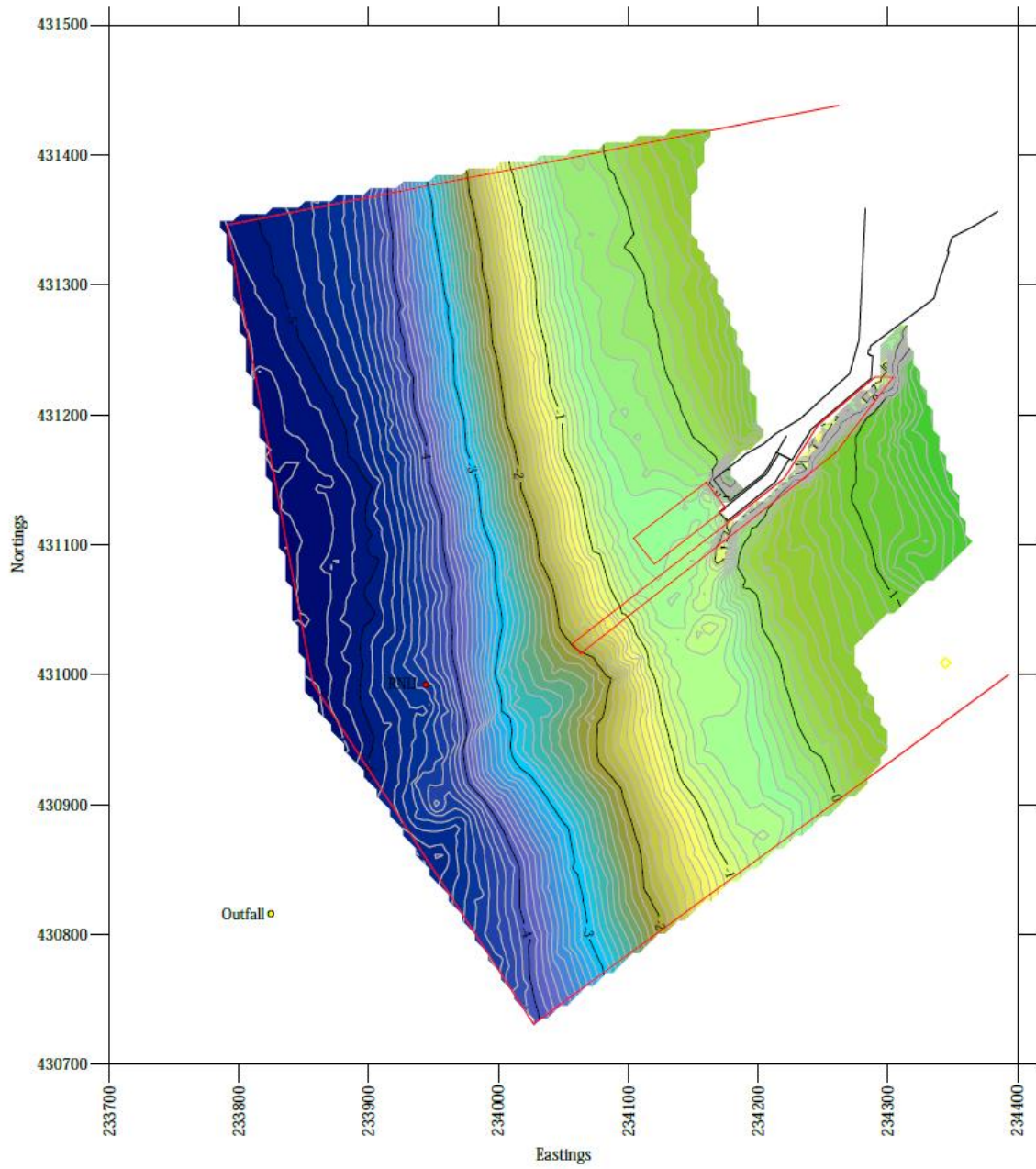
Irish Maritime Administration,  
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Encl: Appendix 1: Map of Area to be Dredged  
Appendix 2: Limits of Dump Site

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## **Appendix 1: Map of Area to be Dredged**



## Appendix 2: Limits of Dump Site

	Latitude	Longitude
(a)	55° 07' 30.120"	007° 27' 41.880"
(b)	55° 07' 21.540"	007° 28' 02.640"
(c)	55° 07' 30.060"	007° 28' 12.120"
(d)	55° 07' 41.520"	007° 28' 15.720"
(e)	55° 07' 44.340"	007° 27' 49.680"