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To: Marine Spatial Planning <msp@housing.gov.ie>

Subject: Re: National Marine Planning Framework Baseline Report - Events Booking

Marine Spatial Planning <msp@housing.gov.ie> wrote:

Dear Minister,

Thank you for your open invitation to The Marine Spatial Planning Event. Due to age I won't attend the Event but would like to make some comments.

1. Marine Matters in Ireland are fragmented and require an active Ministry to control matters.
 2. Major harbour authorities are redesigning their Port operations and also becoming supporters of property developments in Harbour areas that they wish to abandon.
 3. There has been no provision of berthage for on-going Visits by Naval vessels to include visits to such ships by the public.
 4. The Irish naval Service does not have berthage rights under any Harbour Acts except under commercial conditions.
 5. Ports developments usually follow short term or single use provisions such as closing Ireland's bigger drydock in Dublin for a growing liner trade , which ironically needs even a bigger drydock especially if a Liner was homeported in Dublin.
 6. Many ports do not meet modern requirements and need to add to berthage capacity such as Galway, Shannon River area, Sligo Port, Wexford , Dundalk, and Drogheda. We need to increase quay wall lengths and improve depths everywhere to at least 6m in small ports and international deeper standards at major ports. If all Irish Navy ships were to berth in an Irish Port at 8 metre intervals they would need 800 metres of quay wall with a maneuvering depth of 5 metres at LWS.
 7. The Cruise Liner trade is made up of about 100 visits with about 250,000 passengers and crew, do we have the capacity to deal with matters of waste and oil disposals, safety off our shores, repairs including inevitable need someday to DRYDOCK. The Baltic region is closing pump outs from ships commencing in 2019 whether black and grey waters are treated or not, requiring ships to hold waste or transfer it to Harbour special storage for treatment and disposal.
- Perhaps these matters should be discussed at the Marine Spatial planning event Regards J. Jordan
Cdr. Rtd. NS.