

Northern Beaches Council
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Re: DA2025/0783, CNR – 83813 - Construction of a timber jetty with a hinged platform, timber footings, pontoon and pontoon piles and sandstone retaining seawall. Removal of existing piles, rock groyne and concrete retaining wall – 206 Mccarrs Creek Road Church Point 2105 – Lot 15 DP875022 - Pittwater

Dear Northern Beaches Council,

Thank you for your referral of this integrated development application dated 02 July 2025 to DPIRD Fisheries, a division of NSW Department of Primary Industries & Regional Development.

DPIRD Fisheries is responsible for ensuring that fish stocks are conserved and that there is no net loss of key fish habitats upon which they depend. To achieve this, DPIRD Fisheries ensures that developments comply with the requirements of the *Fisheries Management Act* (FM Act) (namely the aquatic habitat protection and threatened species conservation provisions in Parts 7 and 7A of the Act, respectively), and the associated *Policy and Guidelines for Fish Habitat Conservation and Management* (2013). DPIRD Fisheries is also responsible for ensuring the sustainable management of commercial, recreational and Aboriginal cultural fishing, aquaculture, marine parks and aquatic reserves in NSW.

DPIRD Fisheries has reviewed the proposal in light of those provisions and has no objections, subject to the proponent meeting the impact mitigation measures in the Marine Habitat Survey (Dated: 16 October 2024, Version R0, Author: Simon Kirgis), Statement of Environmental Effects (Dated: 23 June 2025, Author: Emeritus Professor Glenn Wightwick) and the General Terms of Approval (GTAs) that follow. As per s.4.47(3) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, any consent issued by Council must be consistent with these GTAs.

1. The proponent must apply for and obtain a Part 7 permit for dredging and reclamation under the FM Act from DPIRD Fisheries prior to any works on site. Permit application forms are available from the DPIRD Fisheries website at: <https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/habitat/help/permit>.
2. DPIRD fisheries recommend that the seawall is constructed in accordance with the “Environmentally Friendly Seawalls: A Guide to Improving the Environmental Value of Seawalls

and Seawall-Lined Foreshores in Estuaries". In order to enhance the habitats for biodiversity, it is suggested to avoid cementing between the sandstone seawall blocks.

3. Environmental safeguards (silt curtains, booms etc.) are to be used during construction to ensure that there is no escape of turbid plumes into the aquatic environment. Turbid plumes have the potential to smother aquatic vegetation and have a deleterious effect on benthic organisms.

For any further information, please contact me at karthika.krishnapillai@dpi.nsw.gov.au.

Sincerely

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