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We undertake and manage the statutory consents and licencing process for coastal and in-shore marine projects.

LICENSING AUTHORITIES

- Marine Management Organisation
- Environment Agency
- Port of London Authority
- Canal & River Trust
- Marine Scotland
- Natural Resources Wales
- Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (Northern Ireland) (DAERA)
- The Planning Inspectorate

In recent years Beckett Rankine has guided many property owners, contractors and consultants through the marine consents process. Using our well-established relationships with the regulatory bodies we have secured licences for dozens of river frontage and pier developments in London and elsewhere in the UK

EXPERIENCE IN PRACTICE

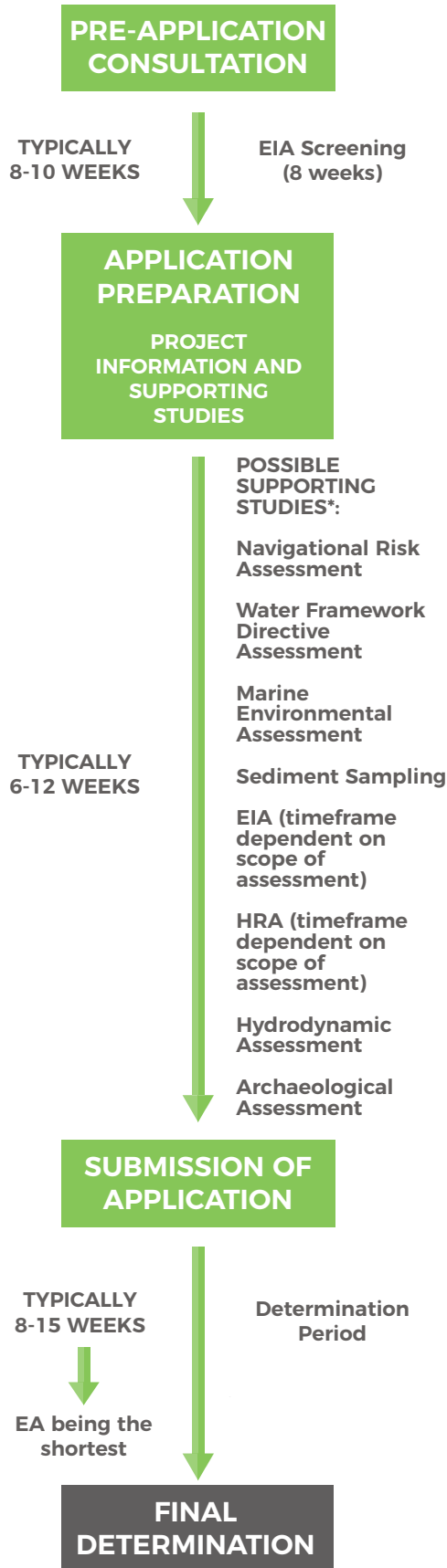
Beckett Rankine provides a comprehensive body of marine engineering expertise with a wide and varied experience of working in the ports and terminals industry, both in UK and around the world. Our specialisation enables us to focus on and keep abreast of technological developments specific to the sector so that we are at the forefront of new ideas, concepts and processes.

Our engineers have an extensive and broad range of experience covering a wide variety of port development and marine projects, through feasibility, planning and design to supervision of construction.

All our work is supported by our certified ISO 9001 and ISO 14001 Quality and Environmental Management Systems. Beckett Rankine also has full CHAS accreditation.



CONSENTING FLOW CHART



*Dependent on outcome of pre-application consultation and site specific factors. Not inclusive of all potential studies.

PORT OF LONDON AUTHORITY

Port of London Authority (PLA) is responsible for the safe navigation and protection of the environment from all developments that take place in the tidal River Thames.

Any works occurring within the PLA's jurisdiction require a Temporary River Works Licence (TRWL) or a River Works Licence (RWL). A TRWL is applicable for works of a temporary nature and the minimum determination period for an application is approximately 4 weeks. All other works that take place riverward of the mean high-water mark, riverbed, under or over the river require a RWL.

The determination period of an application is typically issued within 12 weeks, although it may be extended beyond this.

ENVIRONMENT AGENCY

The Environment Agency (EA) is responsible for protecting the environment and managing the risk of flooding from main rivers, estuaries, reservoirs and the sea surrounding the UK, noting SEPA has jurisdiction in Scotland.

The EA requires an Environmental Permit (EP) application for any works related to flood/sea defence and/or near, over, under or on a main river or coastal area. Depending on the type of activity, there are 3 ways to achieve permission to do work. Works that meet the required description and conditions of exempt activities are eligible for an 'exemption permit' where the registration fee is free of charge. Activities that comply with the standard rules are applicable for the 'standard rules permit'. Otherwise, activities that are not qualified for any of the above need a 'bespoke permit'. The application fees are not fixed and depend on the type of activity.

The determination period of an EP application is typically issued within 2 months of acceptance.

MARINE MANAGEMENT ORGANISATION

The Marine Management Organisation (MMO) is responsible for the marine environment of English offshore and inshore areas and Northern Ireland and Welsh offshore areas. Inshore areas also include tidal areas that are submerged by the mean high-water spring tide up to the territorial limit.

Activities that take place in the jurisdictional area of the MMO require a Marine Licence to ensure the protection of human health and the environment. If the activity is listed as low risk, a marine licence for exempted activities can be granted by notifying the MMO. Small scale activities are usually eligible for a 'self-service marine licence'. All other activities require the 'standard marine licence' and applications are divided into the relevant Band depending on the project's overall value and type of works. This dictates the applicable licence fee.

The determination period for a Marine Licence is 13 weeks, although, this may vary depending on the nature of the activity. For some works a Harbour Revision Order (HRO) may also be required from the MMO.

OTHER REGULATORY BODIES

The PLA, EA and MMO are the regulatory bodies that hold jurisdiction over works taking place on the Thames, along with the Local Planning Authority (LPA),

Depending on the location of the project, a number of other regulatory bodies may require to be consulted either in place of, or in addition to, the above, including but not limited to:

- THE PLANNING INSPECTORATE
- CROWN ESTATE
- MARINE SCOTLAND
- CANAL & RIVER TRUST
- NATURAL RESOURCES WALES
- DAERA