

To: Margaret Carton, Secretary to the Board, Aquaculture License Appeals Board (ALAB)

From: Francis O’Beirn, Manager, Licensing and Policy Advice, Marine Environment and Food Safety Services Area

CC: Michael Gillooly, CEO - Marine Institute; Joe Silke - Director, Marine Environment Service Area, Marine Institute

Date: October 10, 2023

Re: Dunmanus Bay information request ALAB reference number: AP1/1-3/2022 for site: T05/640A

Further to the communication (dated October 5, 2023) from ALAB for the attention of Mr. Michael Gillooly (CEO Marine Institute), the Marine Institute (MI) has the following response. Please note the response is from the Marine Institute and is not intended to represent the views of any other body.

The request from ALAB relates to the provision of high spatial resolution information in relation to existing inshore fishery activity in the area of site T05-640A, in Dunmanus Bay, Co Cork. At this scale (of site T05-640A), the Marine Institute does not have these data and the MI is unsure if such data exists within other state bodies.

A very general observation can be made that there is likely lobster fishing in reef habitat and on the edges of reef, shrimp fishing in mixed sediments and on edges of reef, scallop fishing in sand and gravel sediments along the shores of Dunmanus Bay. However, we are not in a position to estimate or quantify who or how many inshore fishermen may be affected by this application.