

James Matthews

25 June 2026

Our Ref: AP1/1-147/2025  
Site Ref: T05-472A

**Re: Appeals against the decision of the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to grant an Aquaculture Licence to Woodstown Bay Shellfish Limited for bottom-culture mussel farming on site T05/472A at Kinsale Harbour, Kinsale, County Cork (the "Appeals")**

Dear Appellant(s),

I refer to the Appeals received by the Aquaculture Licences Appeals Board ("the Board").

The Applicant failed to furnish a Supporting Information for Screening for Appropriate Assessment Report and a Natura Impact Statement as requested within the specified period. Accordingly, the licence application that is the subject of the appeals is deemed withdrawn in accordance with regulation 42(4) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 (as amended),

The reasons for the Board's determination are set out in detail in the Determination dated 16 June 2026, a copy of which is available on ALAB's website by [clicking here](#).

A person wishing to challenge the validity of a decision or determination of the Board may do so by way of judicial review only. An application for leave to apply for judicial review must be made within the period of three months commencing on the date on which the decision or determination was made. Section 73 of the Fisheries (Amendment) Act 1997, as amended, contains the relevant provisions in relation to applications for judicial review of a decision or determination of the Board.

Yours sincerely



Karl Brogan  
Secretary to the Board