

Mr Martin Heydon TD  
Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine  
Agriculture House  
Kildare Street  
Dublin 2

Email: [REDACTED]

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Mr Timmy Dooley TD  
Minister of State at the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine  
Leinster House  
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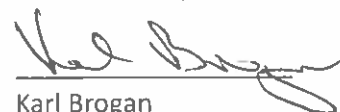
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Save Ballyness Bay C/O Mr John Connaghan



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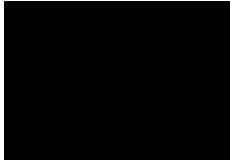
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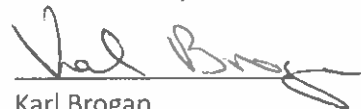
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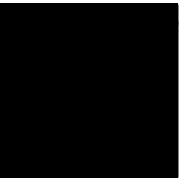
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Head of Marine Habitats and Species  
National Parks & Wildlife Service



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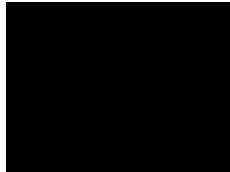
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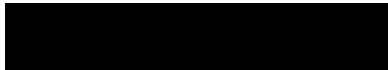


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Dr Elaine McGoff  
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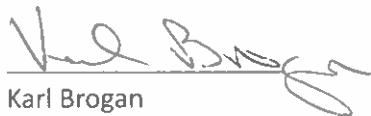
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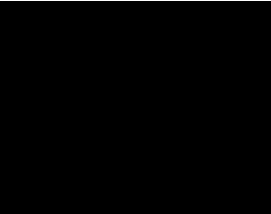
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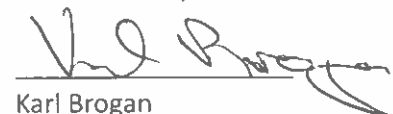
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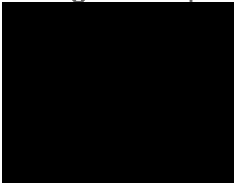
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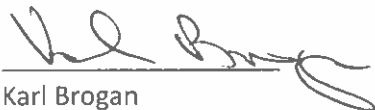
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