

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

01 October 2026

Re : Ballyness Bay AP2-11/2025 - Notification of Public Consultation

Dear Minister,

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Yours faithfully



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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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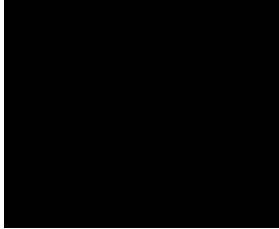
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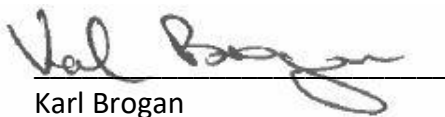
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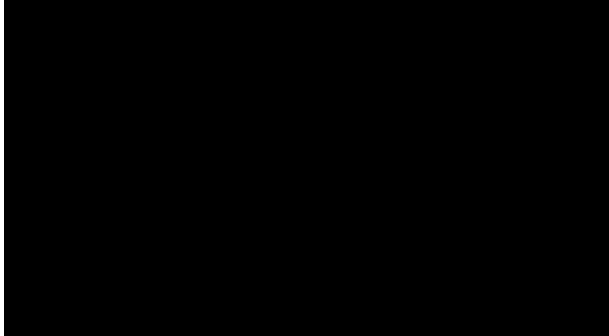
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Dr. David Lyons



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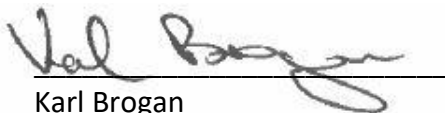
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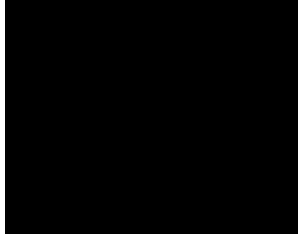
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Dr. Elaine McGoff



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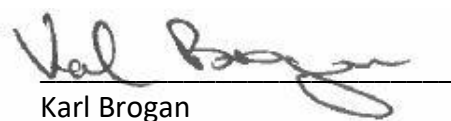
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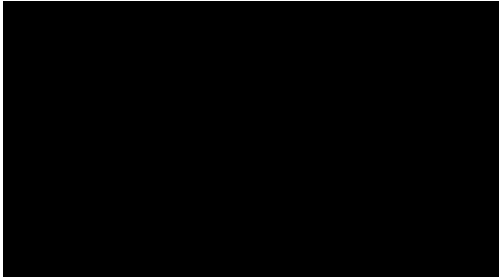
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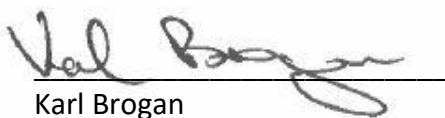
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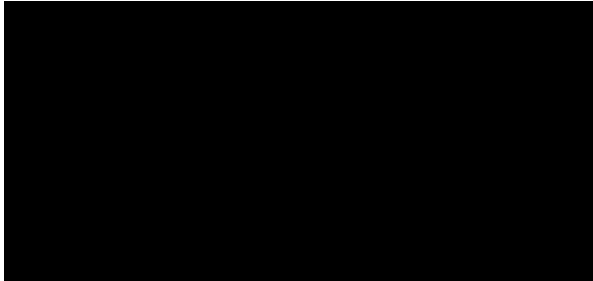
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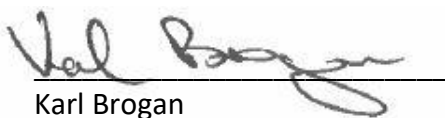
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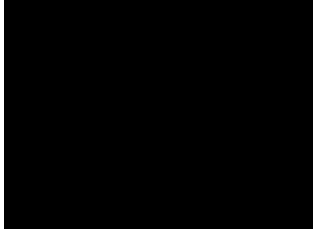
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Save Ballyness Bay C/O Mr John Connaghan



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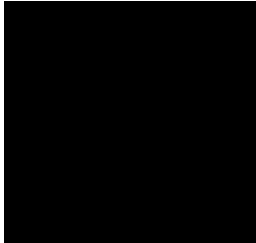
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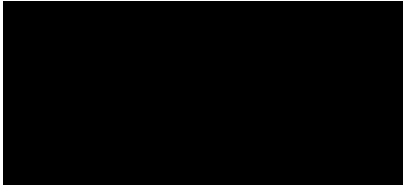
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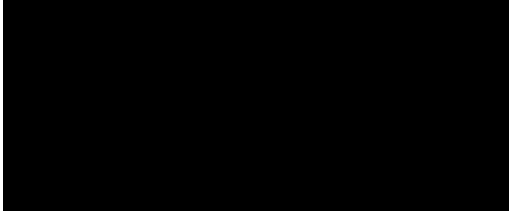
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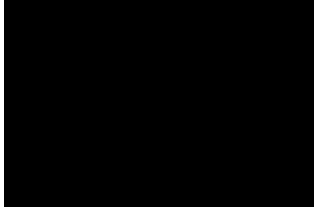
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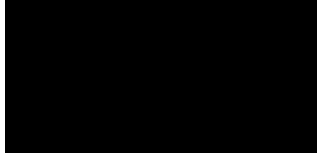
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FÓGRA POIBLÍ
FÓGRA MAIDIR LE MEASÚNACHT CHUI MAR A THAGRAITEAR DI IN AIRTEAGAL 6(3) DE THREOIR ÓN
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AGUS FLÓRA FIÁINE I nDÁIL LE hACHOMHAIRC AR IARRATAIS AR CHEADÚNAIS DOBHARSHAOTHRAITHE
FAOIN ACHT IASCAIGH (ARNA LEASÚ), 1997

TUGTAR FÓGRA LEIS SEÓ go bhfuil an Bord Achomhairc um Cheadúnais Dobharshaothraithe ag meas achomhairc (tagairtí AP2-AP11/2025) i gcoinne cinntí déanta ag an Aire an Aire Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara Ceadúnais Dobharshaothraithe a dheonú do Joseph Coll, Mullach an Chnoic, Gort an Choire, Co. Dhún na nGall; Edward agus Paul O'Brien, Machaire Uí Rabhartaigh, Gort an Choire, Co. Dhún na nGall; agus Anthony McCafferty, Glaise Chú, Gort an Choire, Co. Dhún na nGall chun oisín agus breallaigh an Aigéin Chiuin a shaothrú ar an talamh idirthoiseach ar na tagairtí suimh T12/407B, T12/409A, T12/409B1, T12/409B2, T12/441A, T12/441B, T12/441C, T12/500A, T12/502A, T12/515A agus T12/516A i mBa Bhaile an Easa, Co. Dhún na nGall.

Is féidir leis an mBord Achomhairc um Cheadúnais Dobharshaothraithe na hachomhairc a mheas agus an Ceadúnais na Ceadúnais Dobharshaothraithe nó leagan de a dheonú, nó diúltú an Ceadúnais na Ceadúnais Dobharshaothraithe a dheonú.
De bhun Rialachán 42(6) na Rialachán ó na Comhphobail Eorpacha um Éin agus Gnáthóga Nádúrtha, 2011 (arna leasú), chinn an Bord Achomhairc um Cheadúnais Dobharshaothraithe go bhfuil gá le Measúnachtaí Cui, mar a thagraítear dóibh in Airteagal 6(3) den Treoir ón gComhairle 92/43/EEC ón 21 Bealtaine 1992 maidir le caomhnú gnáthóg nádúrtha agus fána agus flóra fiáine (arna leasú), le haghaidh tionscadal atá mar ábhar achomhairc as na cúiseanna a leanar amach thíos.

Tá scagadh ar mhaithe le Measúnú Cui déanta ag an mBord Achomhairc um Cheadúnais Dobharshaothraithe agus chinn sé go bhfuil measúnachtaí cui de dhíth ar na bionscadail atá beartaíte toisc nach féidir a chur as an áireamh ar bhonn faisnéise oibiachtúla eolaíochta go mbeidh tionchar suntasach ag na bionscadail dobharshaothraithe atá beartaíte - ina n-aonar nó in éineacht le pleananna nó bionscadail eile - ar na Limistéir Chaomhantais Speisialta Bā Bhaile an Easa, Bā agus Oileán Ghaorth Dobhair, Corrán Binne agus Rinn an Chliabháin, Clochar na nGabharr agus Páirc Náisiúnta Ghleann Bheatha, Inis Bó Finne, Oileán Duiche agus Inis Beag, Doire Bheatha agus Sléibhte Ghleann Domhain, Corrán Binne go Cionn Fhánada, Iarthar Dhún na nGall, Oileán Iarthar Dhún na nGall, Oileán Mhic Gnaor, Oileán Cróna agus Inis Caorach, Loch Súilí, Róinín agus Loch Feabhail. Socraíodh go bhfuil sé de chumas ag na bionscadail cur isteach go fisiciúil ar an áit, cur le calliúint ghnáthóga, ábhar orgánach a mhéadú, cur isteach ar radharc na háite agus ar leibhéal toráinn an uisce.

Chuir na hIarratasóirí Ráiteas Tionchair Natura (RTN) faoi bhráid an Bhoird Achomhairc um Cheadúnais Dobharshaothraithe an 10 Bealtaine 2026.

De bhun Rialachán 42(13) na Rialachán ó na Comhphobail Eorpacha um Éin agus Gnáthóga Nádúrtha, 2011 (arna leasú), tugann an Bord Achomhairc um Cheadúnais Dobharshaothraithe CUIREADH don phobal i gcoinne a chuid tuairimí a chur in iúl d'fhonn a Mheasúnachtaí Cui a dhéanamh. Chun na críche sin, tá na cáipéisí seo a leanas ar fáil anois ar shuíomh gréasáin an Bhoird Achomhairc um Cheadúnais Dobharshaothraithe, www.alab.ie, ag an nasc seo a leanas:

<https://www.alab.ie/activeappeals/>

1. Na hIarratais ar cheadúnais dobharshaothraithe a cuireadh faoi bhráid an Aire,
2. na fógraí achomhairc a cuireadh faoi bhráid an Bhoird Achomhairc um Cheadúnais Dobharshaothraithe an 2 Eanáir 2020,
3. léarscáilanna na tionscadal atá beartaíte,
4. Tuairiscálacha an Scagtha le haghaidh Measúnú Cui agus Cinntí Scagtha an Bhoird Achomhairc um Cheadúnais Dobharshaothraithe, agus
5. an Ráiteas Tionchair Natura a cuireadh ar fáil don Bhoird Achomhairc um Cheadúnais Dobharshaothraithe

Tá cóipeanna crua de na cáipéisí thuas ar fáil lena léamh ach coinné a dhéanamh ag: An Ruiní, An Bord Achomhairc um Cheadúnais Dobharshaothraithe, Cúirt Choill Mhínsí, Bóthar Bhaile Átha Cliath, Port Laoise, Co. Laoise. R32 DTW5. Riomphost: info@alab.ie. Fón: 057 8631912.

Tá sé de cheart ag aon duine aighneacht nó tuairim scríofa a chur chuig an mBord Achomhairc um Cheadúnais Dobharshaothraithe maidir lena Measúnachtaí Cui. Ba cheart aon aighneacht nó tuairim den chineál sin a sheoladh chuig an Ruiní, An Bord Achomhairc um Cheadúnais Dobharshaothraithe, Cúirt Choill Mhínsí, Bóthar Bhaile Átha Cliath, Port Laoise, Co. Laoise. R32 DTW5, nó trí riomphost chuig info@alab.ie faoin 2 Samhain, an lá sin san áireamh.

Tabhair faoi deara gur féidir leis an mBord Achomhairc um Cheadúnais Dobharshaothraithe a Mheasúnachtaí Cui a chur i gcrích agus cinneadh a dhéanamh i leith na n-achomhairc tar eis an data a thagraítear thuas, gan aon fhíoga breise

Cuirfear aon aighneacht nó tuairim a thagairtear ar fáil do na hIarratasóirí chun trácht a chur leo agus cuirfear ar fáil don phobal i gcoinne iad freisin. Beidh an Bord Achomhairc um Cheadúnais Dobharshaothraithe ar an eolas faoi aon aighneacht a thagairtear.

1 Deireadh Fómhair 2026

An Bord Achomhairc um Cheadúnais Dobharshaothraithe

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF AN APPROPRIATE ASSESSMENT AS REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE 6(3) OF COUNCIL DIRECTIVE 92/43/EEC OF 21 MAY 1992 ON THE CONSERVATION OF NATURAL HABITATS AND OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA IN CONNECTION WITH APPEALS OF APPLICATIONS FOR AQUACULTURE LICENCES UNDER THE FISHERIES (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1997

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Aquaculture Licences Appeals Board is determining appeals (references AP2-AP11/2025) against decisions by the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to grant Aquaculture Licences to Joseph Coll, Hillcrest, Meenlaragh, Gortahork, Co. Donegal, Edward & Paul O'Brien, Magheraoraty, Gortahork, Co. Donegal and Anthony McCafferty, Glasserchoo, Gortahork, Co. Donegal for the cultivation of pacific oysters and clams on the intertidal foreshore on site references T12/407B, T12/409A, T12/409B1, T12/409B2, T12/441A, T12/441B, T12/441C, T12/500A, T12/502A, T12/515A and T12/516A in Ballyness Bay, Co. Donegal.

The Aquaculture Licences Appeal Board may determine the appeals by granting the Aquaculture Licence(s) or a variation of the Aquaculture Licence(s) or by refusing to grant the Aquaculture Licence(s).

Pursuant to Regulation 42(6) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 as amended, the Aquaculture Licences Appeals Board determined that Appropriate Assessments, as referred to in Article 6(3) of Council Directive 92/43/EEC of 21 May 1992 on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora (as amended), are required for the projects the subject of the appeals for the reasons set out below.

The Aquaculture Licences Appeals Board has carried out screenings for Appropriate Assessments and determined that the proposed projects require appropriate assessments on the basis that it cannot be excluded on the basis of objective scientific information that the proposed aquaculture projects, individually or in combination with other plans or projects, will have a significant effect on Ballyness Bay SAC, Gweedore Bay and Islands SAC, Horn Head and Rinclevan SAC, Cloghemagore Bog and Glenveagh National Park SAC, Inishbofin, Inishdooley and Inishbeg SPA, Derryveagh and Glendowan Mountains SPA, Horn Head to Fanad Head SPA, West Donegal SPA, West Donegal Islands SPA, Greers Isle SPA, Illancrone & Inishkeeragh SPA Lough Swilly SPA, Roaninish SPA and Lough Foyle SPA. It was concluded that the projects have the potential to cause increased physical disturbance, habitat loss, increased organic material, increased visual disturbance and above water noise disturbance.

The Applicants provided a Natura Impact Statement (NIS) to the Aquaculture Licences Appeals Board on 10 May 2026.

Pursuant to Regulation 42(13) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 as amended, the Aquaculture Licences Appeals Board HEREBY INVITES the opinion of the general public for the purposes of conducting its Appropriate Assessments. For that purpose, the following documents are now available on the Aquaculture Licences Appeals Board website, www.alab.ie at the following link:

<https://www.alab.ie/activeappeals/>

1. The aquaculture licence applications submitted to the Minister,
2. the notices of appeal submitted to the Aquaculture Licences Appeals Board on 02 January 2020,
3. maps of the proposed projects,
4. the Appropriate Assessment Screening Reports and the Screening Determinations of the Aquaculture Licences Appeals Board, and
5. the Natura Impact Statement provided to the Aquaculture Licences Appeals Board

Hard copies of the above documents are available for inspection by appointment at: The Secretary, Aquaculture Licences Appeals Board, Kilminchy Court, Dublin Road, Portlaoise, Co. Laois. R32 DTW5. Email: info@alab.ie. Phone: 057 8631912

Any person may make written submissions or observations to Aquaculture Licences Appeals Board in relation to its Appropriate Assessments. Any such submissions or observations should be furnished to The Secretary, Aquaculture Licences Appeals Board, Kilminchy Court, Dublin Road, Portlaoise, Co. Laois. R32 DTW5, or by email to info@alab.ie on or before 2nd November 2026.

Please note that after the date specified above the Aquaculture Licences Appeals Board may, without further notice, complete its Appropriate Assessments and determine the appeals.

Any submissions or observations received will be made available to the Applicants for comment and will also be made generally available for inspection by the public. The Aquaculture Licences Appeals Board will have regard to any submissions received.

Dated 1st October 2026

The Aquaculture Licences Appeals Board