

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

Email: [REDACTED]

03 February 2026

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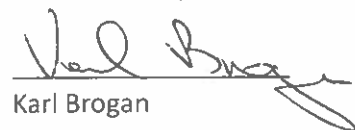
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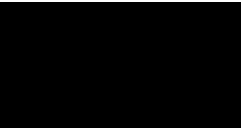
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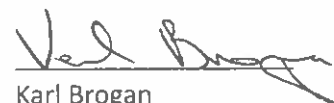
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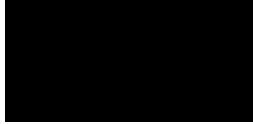
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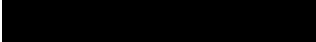


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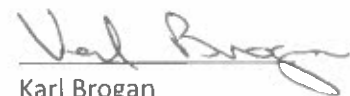
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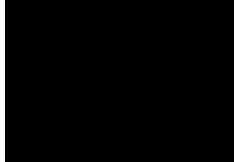
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Save Ballyness Bay C/O Mr John Connaghan



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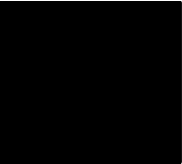
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Dr. Rick Officer, CEO
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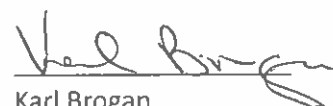
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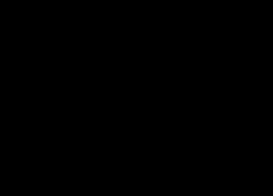


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An Bord Achomhairc Um
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Head of Marine Habitats and Species
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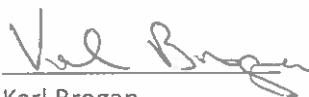
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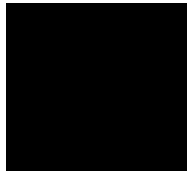
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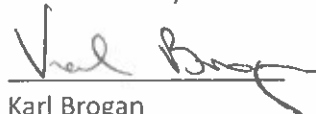
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Water and Environment Section
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