

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

Email: [REDACTED]

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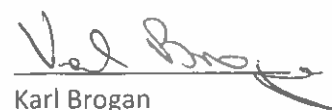
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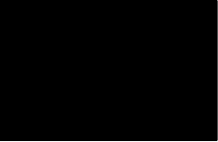
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Minister of State at the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine



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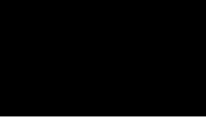
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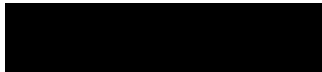
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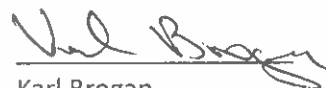
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Save Ballyness Bay C/O Mr John Connaghan

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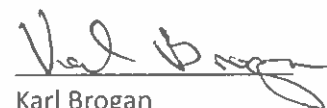
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Dr. Rick Officer, CEO
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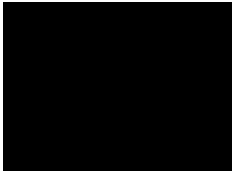
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Head of Marine Habitats and Species
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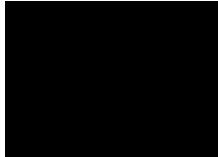
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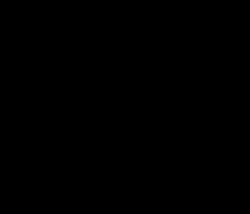
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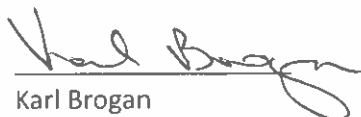
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