

Seamus O'Donnell



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Re: Appeal by Save Ballyness Bay S.A.C Action Group against the decision of the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to grant with variation an Aquaculture Licence to Seamus O'Donnell to cultivate Pacific Oysters using bags and trestles on the intertidal foreshore on Site Ref T12/455A in Ballyness Bay, County Donegal.

Dear Mr O'Donnell,

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The reasons for the Board's determination are set out in detail in the Determination dated 22 May 2024, a copy of which is enclosed with this letter.

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