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Sent: 26 January 2017 14:15
To: Alab, Info
Subject: RE: Granting of Aquaculture Licences on Braade Strand and Gweedore Bay.

ALAB,

We are writing to you concerning the determination of the Department of Agriculture, Food & the Marine, and the recommendation by Minister Michael Creed, to grant four new licences to Carrickfinn-Braade Strand, as published in the Donegal Democrat on the 15th December 2016.

The six fold increase in scale and the growth from a small number of small-scale sites to an alarming 13 sites on a massive scale, will make shellfish steel trestles the prominent feature in our bay. We don't want that.

This determination/decision is taken without any public consultation (a one column notice in a paper is hardly a public consultation).

There is an opportunity to reverse this decision and review these licences.

The cumulative effect of these developments and their magnitude and scale are unacceptable to our community, it will destroy an environment which is currently in a pristine condition and which is used by many people for recreational activities.

We believe there were a number of issues overlooked such as "the surrounding area not being densely populated" which couldn't be further from the truth. This is the most densely populated rural area in Europe.

Can you look into this issue on our behalf.

Regards,

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