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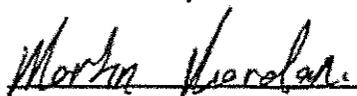
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Dear Oisín

I wish to make the following points in relation to your letter of the 16/07/18 about my Aquaculture Application.

1. I note that objections received have generally targeted all applications indiscriminately, on broad environmental grounds. The need for applicants to be able to earn a sustainable livelihood is unfortunately generally overlooked.
2. The Marine Institute letter of the 09/07/18 in relation to my application states on the one hand that "Significant impacts on the general environment are not considered likely", yet goes on to indicate that, based on the Department's draft AA conclusion, Marine Institute is of the view that a license should not be granted. This is to say the least inconsistent and circular thinking.
3. As indicated in our letter sent in June to the Minister, the Department must in our view take a balanced approach to the progressing of such applications, rather than a blanket refusal based on insufficient evidence (as acknowledged in the Department's own draft conclusion). We have suggested an alternative, practical approach, and await a substantive response from the Minister/Department.

Yours Sincerely


Martin Riordan