

An Bord Achomharc Um Cheadúnais Dobharshaothraithe
Aquaculture Licences Appeals Board



Dunmanus Bay Mussels Ltd.,
Dromduff,
West Bantry,
Co. Cork

26 June 2019

Our Ref: AP6/2018
Site Ref: T05-590A

Re: Appeal against the decision of the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to grant an Aquaculture and Foreshore Licence to Dunmanus Bay Mussels Ltd., for the cultivation of Mussels using longlines and ropes at outer Dunmanus Bay, Co. Cork on Site T05/590A

To whom it may concern,

I refer to my letter 31 August 2018 in which the Board indicated it anticipated this Appeal would be determined by 31 March 2019. Due to an oversight, for which the Board apologises, it was not possible for the Board to determine this Appeal by that date.

As previously indicated, section 56(3) of the Fisheries (Amendment) Act 1997 provides for the Board to specify the date before which the Board intends that an Appeal shall be determined.

In relation to this Appeal, the Board has formed the view that it requires a hydrographic modelling survey to be undertaken from which it may form a view of the flushing process at this Bay.

In that context, the Board further reviewed the timescale for determination of this Appeal at its meeting of 25 June 2019. The Board has concluded that due to the complexities of the Appeals and the requirement for the aforementioned Survey, the Board hereby gives notice, as provided for in Section 56(3) of the Fisheries (Amendment) Act 1997, of its intention to determine this Appeal by 31 December 2019.

This notice is being copied to all parties to the Appeal.

Yours sincerely

Mary O'Hara
Secretary to the Board