



6<sup>th</sup> December, 2019

Ms. Mary O'Hara  
Secretary to the Board  
Aquaculture Licences Appeals Board  
Kilminchy Court  
Dublin Road  
Portlaoise  
Co. Laois

**Your Ref: AP10/2019**

**Our Ref: T06/386A**

Dear Mary

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter to Mr. Michael Creed T.D., Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine (and copied to Mr. John Quinlan) regarding the appeal against the decision to refuse Aquaculture and Foreshore Licences to Mr. Pat Moran in relation to the above file.

I am attaching the following documentation in respect of the appeal as requested:-

1. Submission to the Minister which includes:
  - The Application Form and all reports received in relation to the application;
  - Submissions from Statutory Consultees.
2. Notification of the Minister's decision to the applicant.
3. A location map of the surrounding area including:
  - (i) Sites under application,
  - (ii) Sites lapsed,
  - (iii) Licensed sites,
  - (iv) Sites currently under appeal.

Please see below the hyperlinks to the Department's website where the three parts of the Shannon Estuary Appropriate Assessment Reports can be viewed (as the documents are too large to transmit by email).



- The [Shannon Estuary Appropriate Assessment](#) (pdf 566Kb) [Annex 1](#) (pdf 2,554Kb) and [Annex 2](#) (pdf 4,339Kb) address the potential ecological impacts of aquaculture activity in the Lower River Shannon Special Area of Conservation and the River Shannon and Fergus Estuaries Special Protection Area on the Conservation Objectives and Special Conservations Interests of the Natura 2000 sites.

If you require anything further please let me know.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Evan Kelleher', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**Evan Kelleher**  
*Executive Officer*  
*Aquaculture & Foreshore Management Division*