



6th December, 2019

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

Your Ref: AP25/2019

Our Ref: T12/405A

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. Francis Gallagher 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 hyperlink to the Department's website where the West of Ardara/Maas Road Appropriate Assessment Report can be viewed which covers the proposed aquaculture activities in Loughros Mór Bay (the document is large for transmission by email).



- The [Appropriate Assessment for the West of Ardara/Maas Road SAC](#) (pdf 2,967Kb) addresses the potential ecological impacts of aquaculture activities within Loughros Mór Bay and Gweebarra Bay on the Conservation Objectives of the Natura 2000 site.

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