

**An Bord Achomharc Um Cheadünais Dobharshaothraithe
Aquaculture Licences Appeals Board**



Messrs Kevin & Michael Lydon,
Cluggam,
Maam
Co. Galway

4 February 2020

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Site Ref: T09/509

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