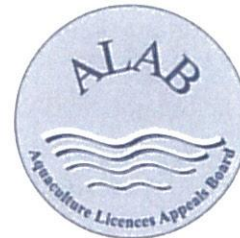


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4 February 2022

Our Ref: AP50/2019
Site Ref: T05/612A

Re: Appeal against the decision of the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to grant a licence to Wild Atlantic Sea Products Ltd. to cultivate seaweeds using a longline grid system on the sub-tidal foreshore on site ref: T05/612A on an area of foreshore at Mehal Head, adjacent to Leahill Jetty along the north shore of Bantry Bay, Co. Cork

Dear Sirs

I refer to the above Appeal.

Following Notice dated 16 November 2021 issued by the Board to the Appellant in this Appeal pursuant to s.47(1)(a) of the Fisheries (Amendment) Act 1997, the Board received the attached submission dated 15 December 2021.

Section 46(1) of the Fisheries (Amendment) Act, 1997 (the Act) provides that the Board may, if it is of the opinion that, in the particular circumstances of an appeal, it is appropriate in the interests of justice to request a party or other person who has made submissions or observations to the Board in relation to the appeal to make submissions or observations in relation to any matter which has arisen in relation to the appeal, it may serve on the party or person a notice requesting the party or person to submit submissions or observations in relation to the matter to the Board.

In accordance with the provisions of section 46(1)(a) of the Act, the ALAB Board HEREBY REQUIRE you to make any submissions or observations you have in relation to matters referred to above. Specifically, the Board seeks your observations and comments in relation to the statements and details

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provided by Mr O'Shea in his submission concerning the location of the shrimp and crab/lobster pots "at certain times of the year", as indicated on the map submitted with the Appellant's response.

Such submissions or observations should be provided to the Board within **30 days** of the date of this letter. Please note that if the submission or observation is not received before the expiration of the period specified above, or such later period as may be agreed by the Board, the Board may, without further reference to you, determine the appeal.

If you wish to discuss this request you can contact the Technical Advisor to the Board, Dr Ciar O'Toole on 087-4097160 or ciar.otoole@alab.ie.

Yours sincerely



Antoinette Conroy
Secretary to the Board

Wild Atlantic Sea Products Ltd

7th February 2022



A chara,

In relation to site no T05/612A, firstly I can understand Mr O'Shea's point on losing fishing ground. Fishing grounds have been lost to oils rigs, gas rigs, wind farms, fish farms etc and I have been involved in fishing all my life.

When we applied to the DAFF for a licence, Mr O'Shea's objection was taken on board as you see from the original plan, our site was moved out from the shore line. This is a much smaller site than the Salmon Farm side beside us and was recommended by BIM for seaweed to absorb the toxins from the Salmon Farm. We are already operating on a smaller site in Berehaven Harbour but for our business to succeed we need volume.

We put out the lines in the end of October 2021 and take in all the lines April 1st 2022 as if left they collect mussel seed. So the site is free from 1st April 2022 to October 2022 and will therefore not affect Mr O'Shea's lobster or crab fishery at all. Looking at the blue lines, the effect seems to be minimal for shrimp fishing. If you look at Bantry Bay, it is a large bay, some has been taken by fish farms but there is still a massive stretch of fishing grounds from Sheep's Head to Whiddy Island.

I hope this clarifies the situation and leads to an early decision as we look forward to working with Mr O'Shea and facilitate his fishing operation in any way we can.

Yours sincerely

Edward Sheehan



