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Aquaculture Licence Appeals Board
Kilminchy Court
Dublin Road
Portlaoise
Co. Laois R32 DTW5

Your Ref: AP2/1-2/2023
Site Ref: T09/093



To whom it may concern,

The Marine Institute wishes to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 06 March 2023 regarding appeals received by ALAB in relation to our application for a renewal of an aquaculture licence for site T09/93.

We do not wish to submit detailed observations at this time, however we feel it is important to note that site T09/093 is a research site and not a commercial facility. As a research facility, it is critical that there is flexibility in the range of potential species allowed for cultivation trials, which will depend on the specific research projects being undertaken at the time. It is however stated in the application that all species to be stocked will be native to Ireland and all movements on to the site will adhere to fish health regulations regarding the movement of aquatic species.

In relation to the licenced tonnage of 100 tonnes, it should be noted that this is a maximum for all species (finfish, seaweed and shellfish). Stocking data for the site submitted to the Aquaculture & Foreshore Management Division, DAFM on a quarterly basis shows that the biomass of finfish on site does not exceed 5 tonnes and is generally less than this. The stocking and fallowing plan for the site is included in section 2.2 of the Pest Management Plan, submitted with the renewal application.

The Marine Institute will be happy to provide ALAB with any information or clarifications you require to assist in the decision-making process and to facilitate an inspection of the site at the convenience of ALAB, if you so wish.

Yours sincerely

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