

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



Mr Charlie McConalogue T.D.
Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine
Agriculture House
Kildare Street
Dublin 2

9 May 2023

Our Ref: AP1/2023
Site Ref: T09/524A

Re: Appeal against the decision of the Minister to grant a license to cultivate blue mussels on longlines on the sub-tidal foreshore on site T09-524A on the north shore of Cleggan Bay, Co. Galway.

Dear Minister

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cc Mr Ultan Waldron, Aquaculture and Foreshore Management Division (AFMD)

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