

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

30 May 2023

Our Ref: AP3/2023
Site Ref: T12/572A

Re: Appeal against the decision of the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to refuse an Aquaculture and Foreshore licence to Foylantic Ltd, for the cultivation of Pacific Oysters using bags & trestles on the inter-tidal foreshore on site ref T12/572A in Trawbreaga Bay, Co. Donegal

Dear Minister

I refer to the above Appeal which was received in this Office on 1 February 2023.

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The Aquaculture Licences Appeals Board reviewed this timescale at its meeting on 25 May 2023 and has formed the view that it will not be in position to determine this Appeal within that timeframe. Due to the current workload of the Board's Technical Advisor, it has been decided by the Board that this appeal requires the input of an external consultant to undertake the environmental and ecological assessment needed for this appeal, as required under the Fisheries (Amendment) Act 1997. A tender process is currently in train to recruit such a consultant.

Given the reason outlined in the previous paragraph the Board hereby gives notice, as provided for in Section 56(3) of the Act, of its intention to determine the Appeal by 31 December 2023.

This notice is being copied to all parties to the Appeal.

Yours sincerely

Margaret Carton
Secretary to the Board

cc: Mr Ultan Waldron, Aquaculture and Foreshore Management Division

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