

## An Bord Achomhairc Um Cheadúnais Dobharshaothraithe Aquaculture Licences Appeals Board



FAO: Paschal Hayes  
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Co Cork  
P85 TX47

05 October 2023

Our Ref: AP1/1-3/2022  
Site Ref: T05/640A

**Re: Appeal by Paul and Kate Brooks on behalf of Residents of Dooneen, Friends of Doneen Pier & Fishermens Inshore Saltwater Heritage Ltd against the decision by the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to grant an Aquaculture Licence to Bantry Marine Research Station Ltd for authorisation to cultivate various aquatic plants using longlines on the sub-tidal foreshore on site ref T05/640A adjacent to Dooneen Pier, along the north shore of Dunmanus Bay, Co. Cork**

Dear Mr Hayes,

We refer to the above Appeal received by the Aquaculture Licences Appeals Board (“the Board”) on dates between 16 December and 28 December 2022. details of the nature and extent of the proposed aquaculture activity the subject of the Appeal can be found in the “DAFM file” section at:

<https://www.alab.ie/activeappeals/appealsyearsreceived/appealsreceivedin2022/ap11-32022/#d.en.186715>

The Board has found that the information provided to it was not sufficient to assess the relative importance of the area highlighted in the chart attached, Site T05/640A, for inshore fishing. While information provided in the Marine Institute’s online Marine Atlas (atlas.marine.ie) indicates the presence of potting activity in the general area, the Board requests more detailed information if available on the specific Site T05/640A, particularly in terms of frequency of use and this site’s suitability and importance for inshore fishing relative to other parts of Dunmanus Bay.

The Board is of the opinion that, in the particular circumstances of this Appeal, it is appropriate in the interests of justice to request you to make submissions or observations in relation to the matters referred to in this letter.

Therefore, in accordance with the provisions of section 46(1) of the Fisheries (Amendment) Act 1997 and Regulation 4 of the Aquaculture Appeals (EIA) Regulations 2012 (as amended), ALAB HEREBY

Cúirt Choill Mhínsí, Bóthar Bhaile Átha Cliath, Port Laoise, Contae Laoise, R32 DTW5  
Kilminchy Court, Dublin Road, Portlaoise, County Laois, R32 DTW5

REQUESTS you to make any submissions or observations you have in relation to the matters referred to in this letter.

Such submissions or observations must be received by ALAB not later than 06 November 2023.

If the submissions or observations are not received before the expiration of the period specified above ALAB will, without further reference to you, determine the appeal.

Finally, please note that hard copies of the files referred to in this letter are available on request by contacting the undersigned by letter, email or phone - The Secretary, Aquaculture Licences Appeals Board, Kilminchy Court, Dublin Road, Portlaoise, Co Laois. R32 DTW5, Email: [info@alab.ie](mailto:info@alab.ie) telephone number: 0578631912

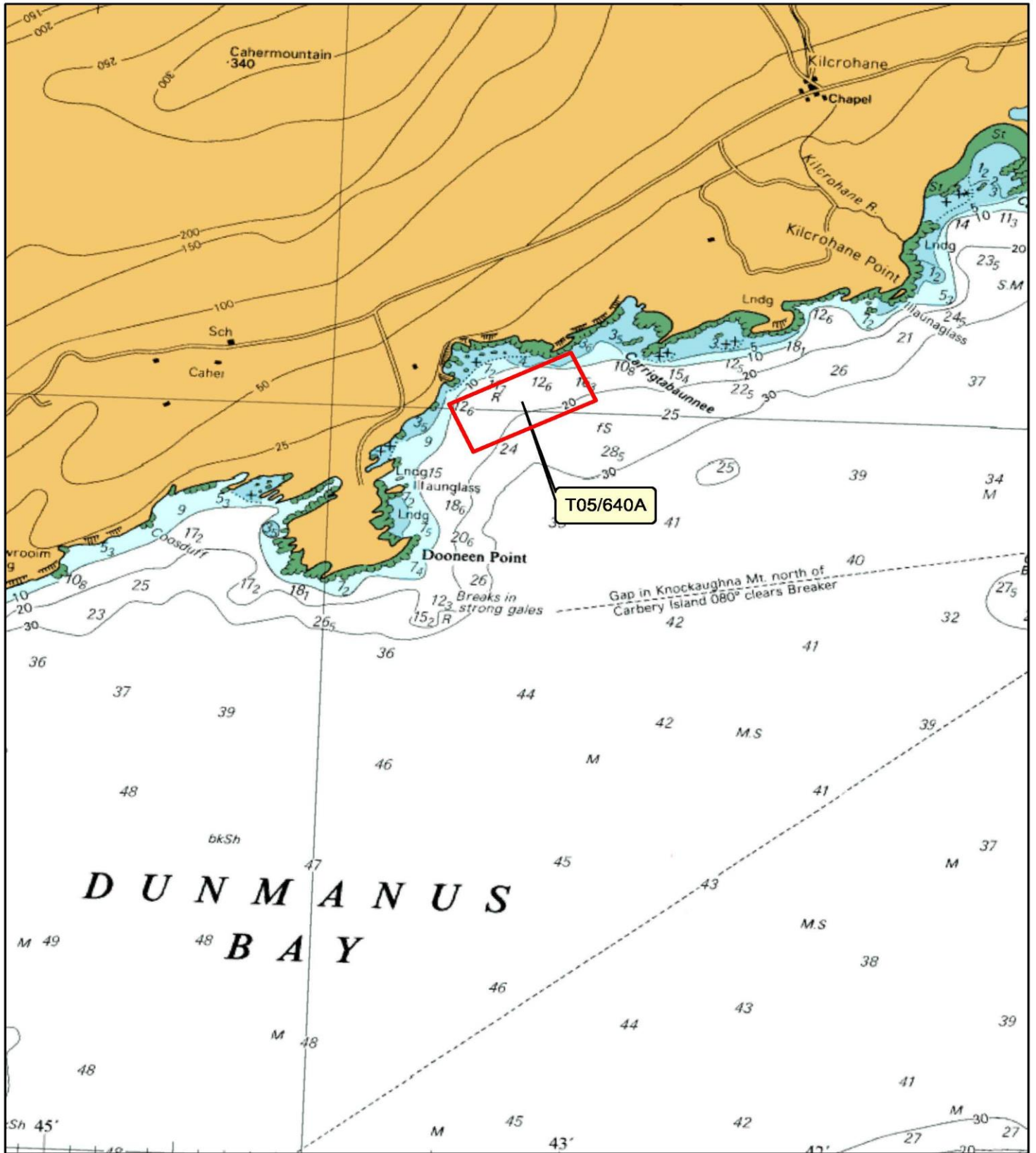
Yours sincerely



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Margaret Carton  
Secretary to the Board

cc Mr John Falvey, Senior Port Officer Castletownbere – [john.falvey@sfpa.ie](mailto:john.falvey@sfpa.ie)



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 Application  
 Licensed

Sites highlighted in red denotes Application

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 Bia agus Mara  
 Department of Agriculture,  
 Food and the Marine