



FAO: Aquaculture Licences Appeals Board,  
Kilminchy Court,  
Dublin Road,  
Portlaoise,  
County Laois,  
R32 DTW5

Dear Sirs,

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

**Re: Appeals by Paul and Kate Brooks on behalf of Residents of Dooneen, Friends of Dooneen Pier & Fishermens Inshore Saltwater Heritage Ltd.**

I refer to your letter dated the 05<sup>th</sup> October 2023 and your request for additional information

- 1. The proposed months of the year the seaweed farm will be in operation for annually** – As disclosed in the application a number of different varieties of seaweed are applied for to be grown on the site. Each variety has a different growth pattern and for ease I attach a table which shows the timeline to prepare the site, deploy the lines, to grow the biomass and finally to harvest the finished biomass. Whilst typically the maximum timeline listed is not always required I have factored in for delays due to weather events and also the availability of third party specialized boats that may be used for site preparation, deployment and harvesting purposes. It is also important to note that once harvested the growlines are removed off site but that anchor blocks, chains and Aids to Navigation will remain on site.
- 2. The proposed harvesting schedule in terms of frequency, approximate time of the year and access requirements for Dooneen pier** – Concerning the harvesting schedule again this will be dependent upon the variety of seaweed grown and the constraints as listed above with regards to deployment and harvesting. The most commonly grown seaweed on farms in Ireland currently is Alaria. Based on the site being fully utilised, which is acknowledged would take a number of years, then it is projected that 110T would be the maximum tonnage harvested. To give an approximation we would estimate that this would be harvested over 8 weeks and would take approximately 10 full working days. Once harvested the biomass will be put in covered bins and would be transferred from the boat and loaded on to a truck/appropriate vehicle on the pier. We estimate that this would involve two loadings in a day and would require access to the public pier for approximately 3 hours per each of the harvesting days at Dooneen pier.

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3. **Proposed maintenance requirements in terms of frequency of access to site via Dooneen Pier** – It is projected that the company pickup will use Dooneen Pier once a week to allow staff to access the site to carry out routine maintenance whilst the farm is operational. In addition to this there may be more access required pre and post adverse weather events.
  
4. **Details on the use of an alternative pier as outlined in our submission to the Minister of Agriculture, Food and the Marine to include a map and proposed access route** – As requested please find attached a map of the alternative pier that was proposed for the purposes of deployment and harvesting. This shows the access route from the pier to the site. Whilst the distance is substantial to the farm site (at c.14km) this pier is adjacent to a main road the L4704, it has a wide entrance, slipway, access steps and access ladders on all sides. As previously stated it is already utilized by other aquaculture farmers. Please see attached photographs of the pier for ease of reference.

Trusting the above addresses all of your queries and we await your decision on the application.

Yours sincerely,

David O'Neill,  
General Manager,  
Bantry Marine Research Station



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## Donegan, Fergus (Alab)

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**From:** Noel O' Driscoll [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday 2 November 2023 12:18  
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**Subject:** Re: AP1/1-3/2022 Site ref: T05/640A  
**Attachments:** Alab reply 02Nov2023.pdf; Dooneen operation months ALAB.pdf; Photos durras pier.pdf; Pier\_AccessMap\_1-40000 for ALAB.pdf

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Dear Mr. Donegan,

Please find attached reply to the requested information dated 05<sup>th</sup> October 2023 together with attachments in support of same.

**Enclosed**

1. Letter of Reply.
2. Table outlining the Operational months of the farm.
3. Photos of the alternative pier.
4. Map of the route from the alternative pier to the proposed farm site.

Please note that a hard copy of same is going by registered post today.

You might please confirm receipt of this information at your convenience.

Regards,

Noel o Driscoll

**Dooneen Site**

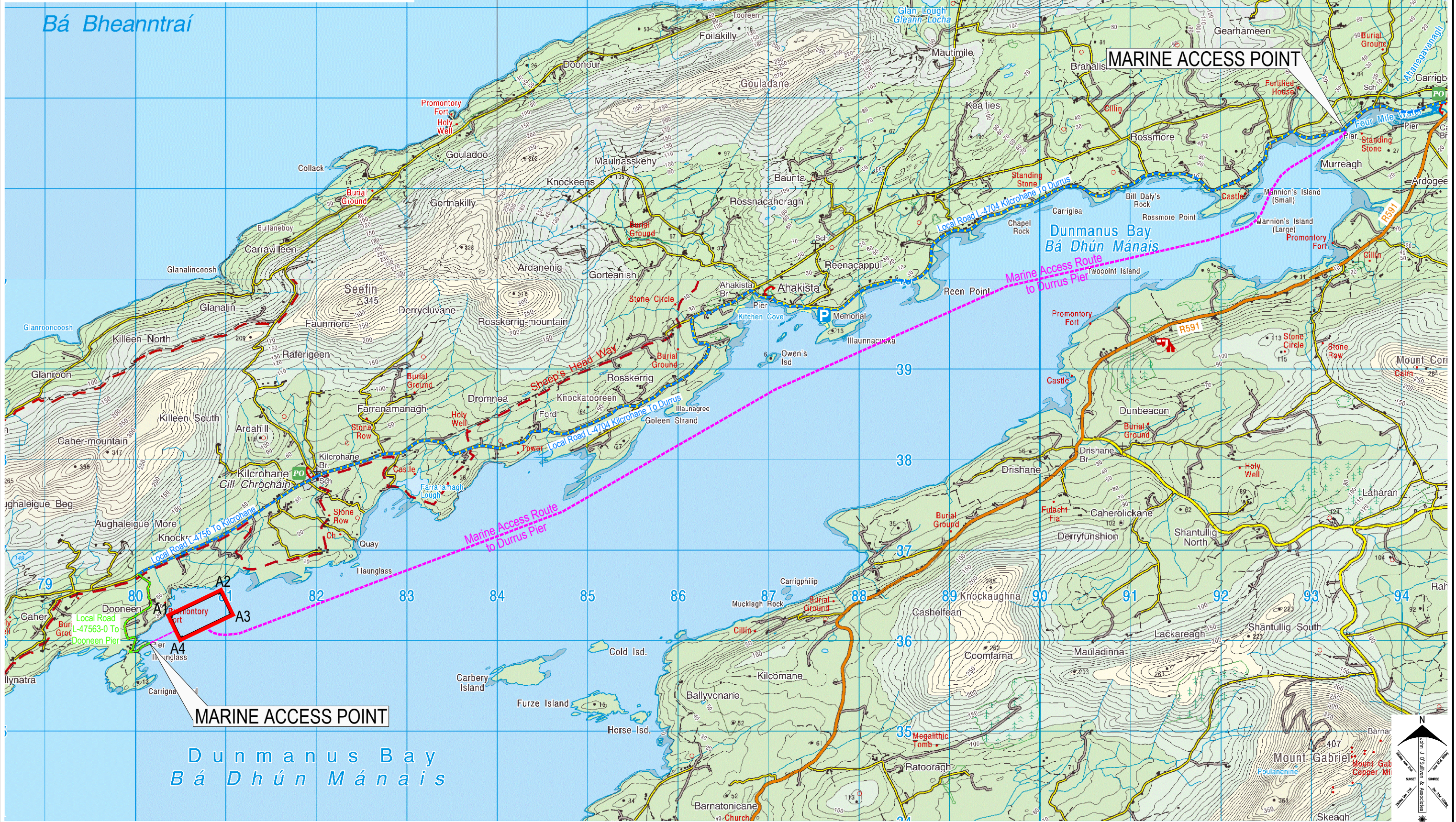
<b>Seaweed per the application</b>	<b>Site Preparation Months</b>	<b>Deployment Months</b>	<b>Ongrowing Months</b>	<b>Harvesting Months</b>
<i>Alaria Esculenta</i>	Mid Sept-Oct	Oct-Dec	Oct-June	Apr-Mid June
<i>Ulva Lactuca</i>	December- Jan	Jan-Feb	Jan-June	May-Mid June
<i>Palmaria Palmata</i>	Mid Sept-Oct	Oct-Nov	Oct- May	Apr-Mid May
<i>Asparagopsis Armata</i>	Mar- Apr	April	Apr- June	June
<i>Saccharina Latissima</i>	Mid Sept-Oct	Oct-Dec	Oct-June	Apr-Mid June
<i>Laminaria Digitata</i>	Mid Sept-Oct	Oct-Dec	Oct-June	Apr-Mid June
<i>Fucus Serratus</i>	Oct - Nov	Nov-Dec	Nov - May	May

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AQUACULTURE LICENCE APPLICATION - AQUATIC PLANTS

LICENCE APPLICATION BOUNDARY SHOWN OUTLINED IN RED - Area = 15.73Hectares

Ref.	ING E	ING N	ITM E	ITM N	WGS84 – Lat	WGS84 – Long
A1	80390	36270	480365.559	536340.081	51° 34' 0.8489"	-9° 43' 32.6295"
A2	80935	36532	480910.445	536602.027	51° 34' 9.7374"	-9° 43' 4.6667"
A3	81048	36297	481023.416	536367.078	51° 34' 2.223"	-9° 42' 58.5164"
A4	80503	36036	480478.531	536106.132	51° 33' 53.3673"	-9° 43' 26.4795"



Client: Bantry Marine Research Station Ltd  
 Project: AQUACULTURE LICENCE APPLICATION FOR SITE; T05/640A  
 AT DOONEEN POINT, KILCROHANE,  
 DUNMANUS BAY, CO. CORK

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