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Appeal of Aquaculture Licences in Wexford Harbour. ALAB Ref: AP5/2023 and AP4/1-2/2023

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An Taisce has reviewed the additional information made available in December of 2023 by ALAB, in regard to the appeal against the decisions to grant approval for T03/038A & T03/095A aquaculture applications in Ballyteigue Bay in Wexford

We note the recommendation by the external assessor to overturn the decision of the Minister and refuse the granting of licences for all sites. We welcome and endorse this recommendation, and note it upholds the majority of the grounds of our appeal.

We would additionally note that the Department of Housing appear to have recommended the licencing of the to-date unlicensed, but extant, aquaculture operation (T03/038A). We would endorse the views expressed by the external assessor in regard to the potential risk should that site be licenced, and would observe that the Department of Housing's recommendation does not appear to be well founded in law or the precautionary principle.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Elaine McGoff', written in a cursive style.

Elaine McGoff,
Natural Environment Office,
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