

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

26 September 2024

Our Ref: AP1/2024 Site Ref: T09/084

Re: Appeal by Frank Burke of Raford, Kiltula, Athenry, Co. Galway against the decision of the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to revoke an Aquaculture Licence to Frank Burke to cultivate rainbow trout on Site Ref. T09/084 in Raford, Athenry, Co. Galway.

Dear Minister,

I refer to the Notice of Appeal regarding the above decision of the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine.

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The reasons for the Board's determination are set out in detail in the Determination dated 26 September 2024, a copy of which is enclosed with this letter.

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https://alab.ie/activeappeals/appealsyearsreceived/appealsreceivedin2024/ap12024/#d.en.202640



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Yours sincerely

**Margaret Carton** 

Secretary to the Board

c.c. Mr. Ultan Waldron, Aquaculture Foreshore Management Division



Mr. Frank Burke Raford Trout Farm Kiltulla Athenry



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