

**An Bord Achomharc Um Cheadúnais Dobharshaothraithe
Aquaculture Licences Appeals Board**



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21 February 2022

Our Ref: AP1/2021
Site Ref: T05/546A

Re: Appeal against the decision of the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to refuse an Aquaculture licence for the cultivation of oysters on bags and trestles at Site T05/546A on the foreshore in Cork Harbour.

Dear Mr Tighe

I refer to the above Appeal.

Pursuant to **Section 47(1)(a)** of the Fisheries (Amendment) Act, 1997, as amended, ("the Act"), where the Board is of the opinion that any document, particulars or other information is or are necessary for the purposes of enabling the Board to determine the Appeal, it may serve a notice on a party requiring that party to submit to the Board such documents, particulars or other information as are specified in the Notice.

Having considered the appeal and the information provided to it, the Board has determined that further documents are necessary for the purposes of enabling the Board to determine the Appeal.

The Board hereby requires you to provide the following:

Details on proposed access to the site to include access for initial set up, transport across and within the site and storage location of any equipment required. The Board requests that you accompany this information with a map showing your proposed access route to the site.

Should you require any clarification in terms of this request for additional information, please contact Dr Ciar O'Toole, Technical Advisor to the ALAB Board on ciar.otoole@alab.ie or 087-4097160.

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In accordance with section 47 (1) (a) of the Act, the Board requires this information within **30 days** of receipt of this letter. Please note that if the documents, particulars or other information specified above are not received before the expiration of the period specified above, or such later period as may be agreed by the Board, the Board will, without further reference to you, determine the appeal.

Please also note that a person who refuses or fails to comply with a requirement under section 47 (1)(a) shall be guilty of an offence.

Yours sincerely,



Antoinette Conroy
Secretary to the Board

Murphy, CiaraM

From: Alab, Info
Sent: Tuesday 15 March 2022 14:07
To: Antoinette Conroy (Alab)
Cc: OToole, Ciar (ALab)
Subject: FW: T05/546A
Attachments: Spike map and access info.pdf; Spike Island proposal.docx

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Ciara

From: Killian Tighe
Sent: Tuesday 15 March 2022 14:06
To: Alab, Info
Subject: T05/546A

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Dear Ms. Conroy,

Please find attached my response to your letter of 21/2/22.
I have also attached a copy of my proposal to Spike Island tourism.
Hard copies to follow.

Regards,

Killian Tighe

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15/03/2022

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Ref: T05/546A

Dear Ms. Conroy,

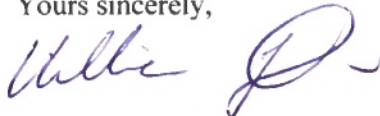
Further to your letter to me of 21/2/22 I am writing to you to provide the information you require.

The site will be accessed by boat and not by land as Spike Island does not have a land based access route. I don't think this sea access route can really be shown on a map as there may be time constraints due to tide level, and which area is being worked on, which could necessitate using a different route. The site can be accessed from the North, East and West. I have attached a map showing possible routes. Access across and within the site and for initial set up will be by boat. I have the use of the site located at Fota Oyster Farm Ltd., at Rossleague, Cobh. It is an existing oyster farm. Any equipment required will be stored at Fota Oyster Farm Ltd.

I am currently in correspondence with the board of Spike Island with a view to enabling the proposed activities enhance the tourism aspect on Spike Island. I have attached a copy of my proposal to them. As you will see I am very open to the possibility of reducing the scale.

If you require any further information please let me know.

Yours sincerely,



Killian Tighe.

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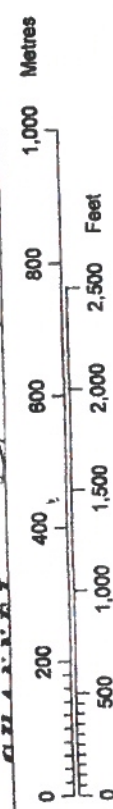
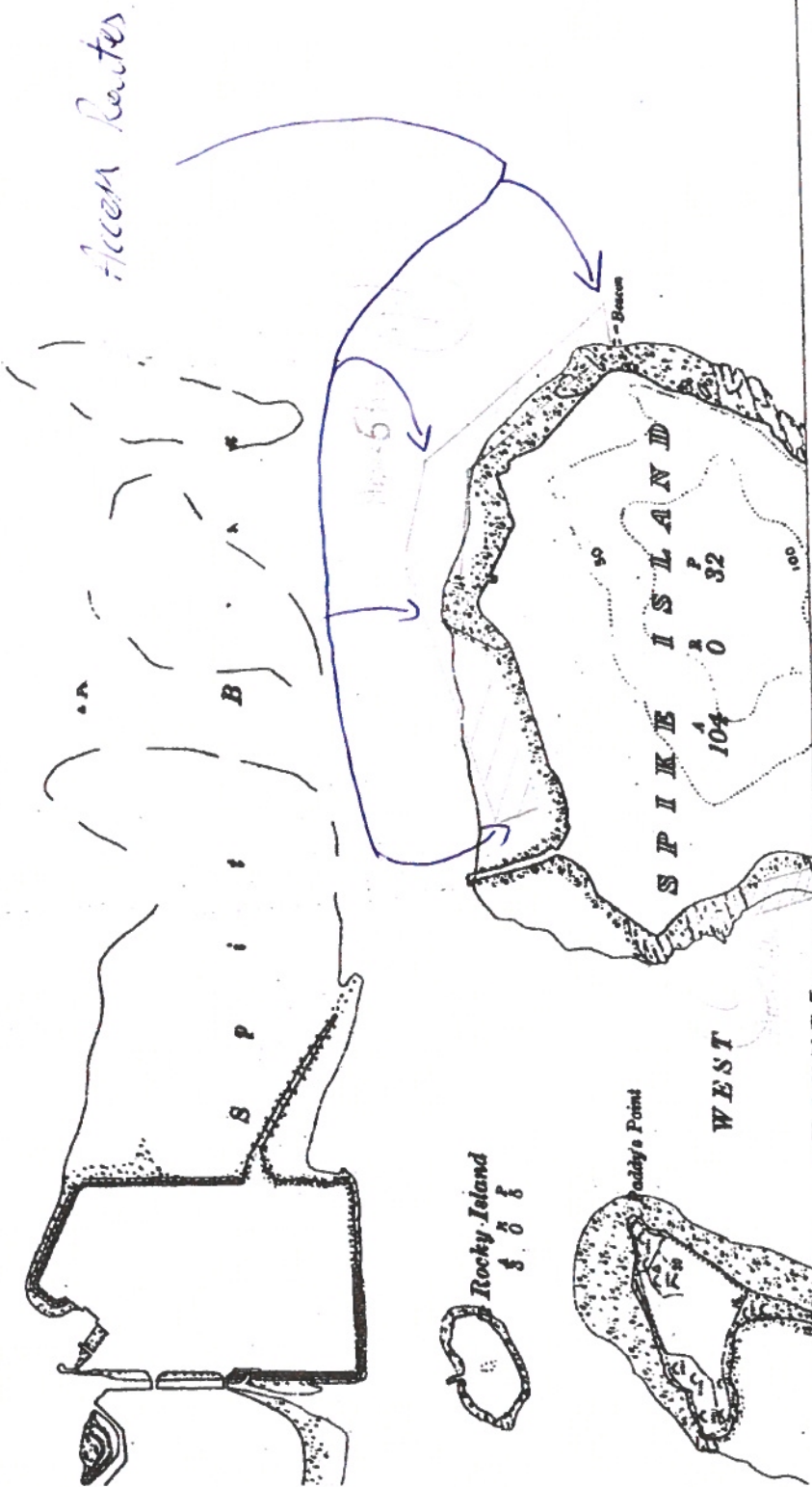
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Mr John Crotty
General Manager,
Spike Island Tours
Spike Island,
Co. Cork.

Dear John,

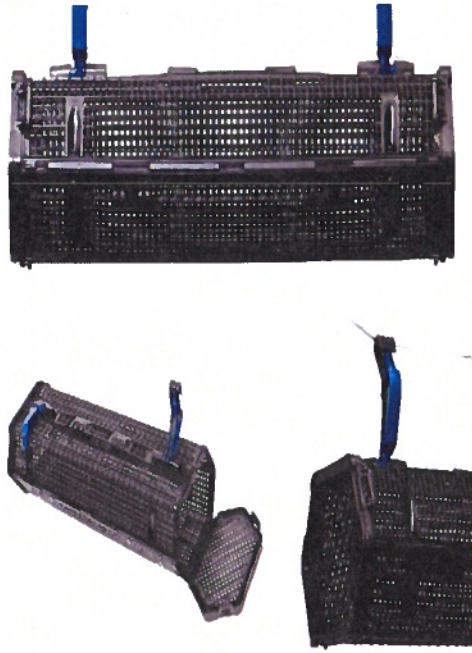
Further to our telephone conversation back in June 2021 I am writing to you to outline a few ideas I have for an oyster attraction that may benefit tourism on Spike Island.

There are a number of oyster related tourism enterprises in Ireland currently. Sligo Oyster Experience, Flaggy Shore Oyster Experience and Kelly's farm tours to name a few. These tours are becoming more popular amongst tourists as they are different to the normal tourist attractions. Visitors are given a tour of the farm (if the tide allows), an insight in to the production cycle and an opportunity to open and taste the oysters. A customer of mine has a shell museum above the factory floor of his oyster farm in France which attracts 30,000 visitors per year. It shows the possibilities.

Different production methods which are used in Ireland and Europe could be showcased as part of the tour/experience. These methods vary from site to site around Europe. The attraction could demonstrate the most popular methods in use such as bag and trestle, floating bag and suspended culture.



Bag and trestle method.



BST (suspended method)



Suspended/floating method

With the aid of a small parcel of land on shore a dry demo area could also be set up to mimic what happens at sea, this would allow tours regardless of tide time. It proved

invaluable in the past to train employees and demonstrate to visitors how the technique works.

Without knowing your intentions for the building below, I think it would be ideal to use for the oyster attraction. It has an entrance and an exit and some outside space at the rear.



A visitor shop is something that could complement the attraction. Oysters and other products could be available for visitors to purchase. Educational school tours could be facilitated to teach schoolchildren the history of oyster farming and the benefits of organic farming.

There are probably a lot more possibilities to mention but I hope you have an idea of the options which an attraction like this could add to the Spike Island experience. Sorry for the delay in responding but the past 8 months have been hectic.

Yours faithfully,

Killian Tighe.

