

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



Denis O'Shea,  
Trafrask West,  
Adrigole,  
Beara,  
Co. Cork.

16 November 2021

Our Ref: AP50/2019  
Site Ref: T05/612A

**Re: Appeal against the decision by the Minister for Agriculture, Food and Marine to grant Aquaculture and Foreshore Licences to Wild Atlantic Sea Products Ltd. for the cultivation of seaweed using longlines.**

Dear Mr O'Shea,

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 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 your appeal and the information provided to it, the Board has determined that further documents, particulars or information are necessary for the purposes of enabling the Board determine these Appeals.

We attach a copy of a submission made by the Applicant for the licence on this Site, Mr Edward Sheehan, in his response dated 18th December 2019 to the Board following your appeal wherein. The Board seeks your observation and comments on the matters outlined in the Applicant's submission, a copy of which is attached.

If you require further clarification of the Board's requirements, please contact the Board's Technical Advisor, Dr Ciar O'Toole on 087-4097160 or [ciar.otoole@alab.ie](mailto:ciar.otoole@alab.ie).

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



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Antoinette Conroy  
Secretary to the Board

**From:** Sheehans Fishing Co <sheehansfishingco@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday 18 December 2019 14:36  
**To:** Alab, Info  
**Cc:** timreardon58@gmail.com; ebbieshe58@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Appeal for site No 612A - Wild Atlantic Sea Products

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Dear Sir / Madam

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Fishing ground has been taken over by oil rigs, gas rigs and salmon farms etc. and as we saw from the lengthy legal battle at the Corrib Gas Field, fishing for any length of time on an area gives you no legal right. The size of the site is needed as to make this project viable we need volume. The site as Denis outlined is exposed yes and we are under no illusions as to the weight and strength of anchors we need to hold the lines in place.

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He rang me and advised me he had a problem with the site as it was too close to the shore. He sent me a latitude and longitude position of where his shrimps post were shot. He met with me in my office in Castletownbere and I agreed to make the site smaller and move away from the shore and that, as you can see from the drawings was the variation taken into consideration by the Minister as agreed with I and Mr O Shea.

I also agreed with Denis that our lines etc. would be removed from April to November so the ground would be clear for lobster fishing. I have since indicated I would have no problem moving the inner boundaries of the site if he requested as I fully understand more than most the frustration of losing ground. These seaweed sites are needed now more than ever to reduce the damage to the seabed by salmon fishing etc. and to counteract the emissions.

Kind regards

Edward Sheehan  
**Wild Atlantic Seaweed**



## **OHara, Mary**

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Dear Mr Sheehan

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your submission.

Regards

Mary

Mary O'Hara  
*Secretary*

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**Wild Atlantic Seaweed**



Mr Denis O'Shea  
Trafcask West,  
Adrigole,  
Beara,  
Co. Cork

4-12-2021

Dear Sir/Madame,

I am writing to you to respond to your request outlined in the letter I received ref. no. AP50/2019. (Site ref: TOS/~~612A~~ 612A)

I have read through the correspondence and submission by Mr Edward Sheehan made and my thoughts are as follows.

Firstly, we find it extremely difficult to make an accurate observation and comment on the submission by Mr Edward Sheehan because, his willingness to reduce the overall size of the site and move it more offshore as discussed with me, is not outlined on a clear, detailed, scaled map, which in my opinion is critical and necessary before any further proceedings. It is not fair or correct to ask for my observations and comments when there isn't a map to determine where Mr Sheehan is willing to relocate the site to accurately.

Mr Sheehan in his submission states that "the size of the site is needed as to make this project viable we need volume"

In his own words Mr Sheehan says "this project" and this is precisely what it is another one of his projects

Mr Edward Sheehan a well established business man in the area with a number of prosperous business' doesn't need this project for his livelihood in my opinion. Mr Sheehan also already has a site in Cottleburne for seaweed and I feel that one site should be sufficient when this project isn't his main source of income.

I am an Inshore fisherman, I have my own fishing boat with two crewmen onboard. Fishing is our primary and only job and we need access to these fishing grounds to survive and provide for our families who depend on our fishing.

Taking these grounds from us will result in a huge reduction in our fishing grounds for shrimp during the winter months. We will not be able to operate anywhere near the site because of high seas in this area over the winter, it wouldn't be viable to risk the safety or entanglement of our fishing gear or to risk the safety of our fishing vessel.

Before any further progression in the overall decision by the Appeals Board, we are requesting that a proper, detailed, scaled accurate map outlining the proposed changes agreed by Mr Sheehan be drafted and sent to me for analysis. Mr Sheehan is in agreement to move the site out from the shore further to allow us access to fish inside the site safely. Furthermore we also seek a meeting with Mr. Sheehan myself and you, the Appeals Board to discuss and reach an agreement, which is fair to everyone involved.



If we can't reach an agreement, and the willingness to produce this map for our observation and our views are not taken seriously, we will be posing the question, as already stated in our previous correspondence, that we will be pursuing costs for loss of income.

Too many fishing grounds have been lost in Banting Bay over the years but especially in recent times to salmon farms, seaweed farms, mussel farms and each time grounds have been lost to inshore fishermen, to us and even though we make submissions and objections we are always ignored and not taken into consideration but enough is enough. Now comes the time we need to be listened to, to insure viability in a business which is already working and has worked for generations.

We need to be working together, not against each other to ~~the~~ insure proper fair viability for everyone to work safely.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Kind Regards,  
Denis O'Shea  
Denis O'Shea



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Mr Denis O'Shea  
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13 December 2021

**Re: Our Ref: AP50/2019  
Site: T05/612A**

Dear Mr O'Shea

Further to your letter dated 4 December last received by us on 10 December last.

Please find attached the map, chart, and co-ordinates below for the variation licence granted to Wild Atlantic Sea Products Ltd. for the cultivation of seaweed using longlines at Site T05/612A, as requested. The original site applied for was 28 hectares in size, you can see on the attached document that the variation licence that was granted was of a smaller size, 20.68 hectares.

I am also including a redacted copy of a submission we received (the majority of which has to be blacked out for privacy reasons). However, pages 17-20 include a map, a chart and co-ordinates of the original site applied for, which can be compared with the site as it is currently proposed, the map, chart, and co-ordinates of which were previously sent to you. Page 71 of the attached document also shows an outline drawing of the proposed seaweed longline arrangement within the site for this site application.

I hope you find this helpful. Please don't hesitate to contact me again if you require any further clarification.

Yours sincerely

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Secretary to the Board

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Agriculture Appeals Office

21 DEC 2021

15-12-2021

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to you responding to your response to our correspondence sent previously in relation to the application by Mr. Edward Sheehan site ref no: TOS/612A.

Please find enclosed the map you sent us with the proposed site we have shown to you on the map in blue bars and black bars our fishing gear where shot at different times during the year. The blue bars resembles the Shrimp pot strings. If you see the proposed site is directly where we are fishing for Shrimp in the winter months having a look further west the box resembles the Salmon farm site granted. If this site at this size is granted we will be losing too much fishing grounds as previously stated.

The black bars resembles lobster and Crab pots and when they be laid at certain times of the year.

Over all we will be losing too much fishing grounds and the safety of our gear and boat will be at risk in the area with ropes and moorings.

We have asked for a fair hearing and as already stated previously its about time our views and concerns are taken onboard. We are already working this area and find it very unfair that even though

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We have fished here for years that we may no longer be able to do so. This is a very serious and critical decision for our business. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

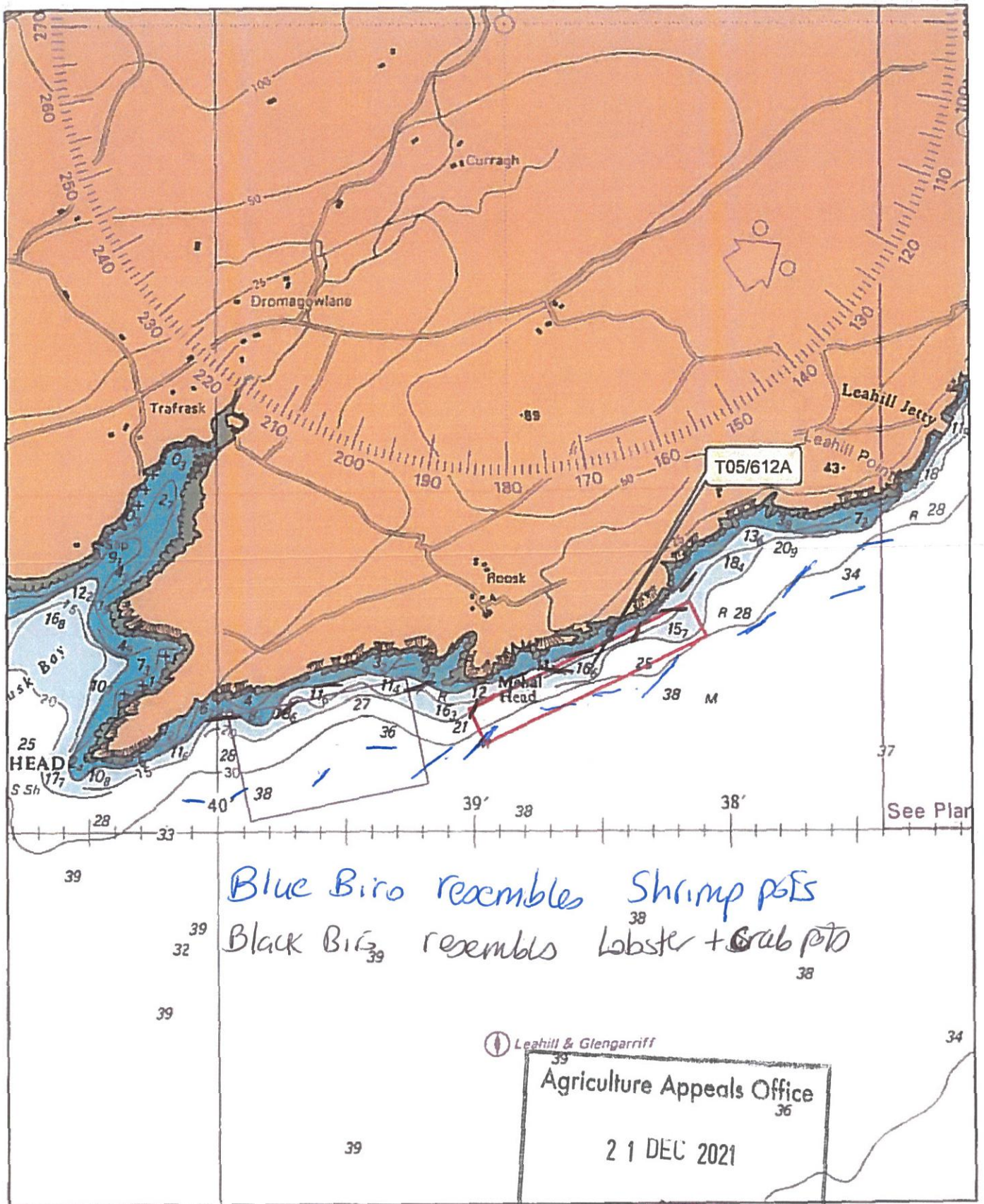
Kind Regards,

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21 DEC 2021



Blue Biro resembles Shrimp p&Es  
 Black Biro resembles Lobster + Crab p&E

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 Agriculture Appeals Office  
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Agriculture & Foreshore Management Division  
 14 AUG 2019  
 Dept. of Agriculture, Food & the Marine

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