

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



Harbour Master,
Castletownbere Fishery Harbour Centre,
Castletownbere,
Co. Cork

16 November 2021

Our Ref: AP51/2019

Site Ref: T05/607A

Re: Appeal against the decision by the Minister for Agriculture, Food and Marine to grant Aquaculture and Foreshore Licences to Dingle Bay Seaweed Ltd. for the cultivation of seaweeds using longlines.

Dear Sir/Madam,

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 the 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.

Details relating to the particulars of the application, appeal and relevant maps etc. are attached for your review.

Two issues have been raised with the Board in relation to access to Dereen Cove Pier and safe navigation in the area as a possible consequence of the granting of this licence, which the Board requires your input on as the local Harbour Master:

1. It has been suggested that the location of the proposed site will require the use of more challenging navigational channels than are currently in use. The Board seeks your opinion in writing on this, including your assessment as to whether the licensing of the proposed activity on the site is likely to pose a risk to recreational users utilising the area.

2. If it is the case that access to Dereen Cove Pier will be restricted due to the positioning of the proposed site, were the western boundary of the proposed site to be repositioned 150 metres north-east of the current location, would this result in significant improvement for access and navigation? Again the Board seeks your opinion in writing on this and your assessment as to whether such repositioning of the site is it likely to restrict access to Dereen Cove Pier.

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.

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

Hi Ciara,

I have reviewed the appeal Ref AP51 / 2019 and in my opinion the location of the proposed site Ref TO5/607A will not require the use of more challenging navigational channels than are currently in use. Once the site is marked appropriately with navigation Buoys the site is unlikely to pose a risk to recreational users.

Many thanks,
Regards,

Declan Power Jnr
Assistant Harbour Master

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Subject: S47 Bantry

Hi Declan,

I was speaking to you last Friday regarding the S47 letter we issued to you on the 16th November (attached). I was wondering if you have any update on this matter?

Thanks,
Ciara