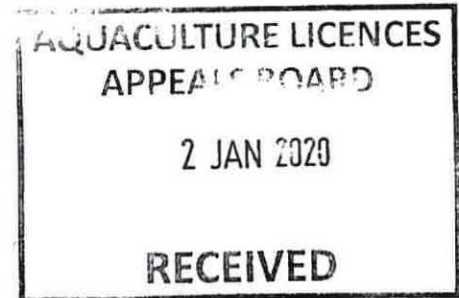


27/12/19

Dingle Bay Seaweed Ltd,
Oakmount,
Castletownbere,
Co. Cork



Your Ref: AP51/2019

Site ref: T05/607A

Dear Mary,

In reference, to your letter written the 16th of December 2019 we have the following responses to the objection made by Allihies Seafood Ltd.

Dingle Bay Seaweed Ltd. have been farming successfully in Ventry Harbour (T06/372A) for the past 9 years, producing various products and working with a number of scientific institutions seeking to develop this fledgling industry. One of the biggest difficulties has been the distance from Ventry to Castletownbere where our processing facility is located, especially when carrying out trials. To this end we have been seeking more area closer to home, whilst continuing to operate our main growing site of 18 hectares in Ventry. We were successful in obtaining a 6 hectare site, T05/594A, late in 2018 and are currently stocking this site and have some very exciting developments relating to maximising yield per hectare.

We were granted this licence in question T05/607A on the 24th of October 2019 to cultivate seaweeds using seeded string transferred from a hatchery in Bantry. This site of 4.45 hectares was granted with a variation due to an overlap with an existing wild harvest seaweed application. Prior to the granting of the licence we answered a submission lodged by Allihies Seafood Ltd. This was the only submission made.

It appears that this current objection to the granting of our licence made by Allihies Seafood Ltd., is very similar to the submission lodged previously.

At that time, we answered with the following:

"Marine activity through the site in question is minuscule and it is our opinion that matters of navigational safety is the remit of the Marine Survey Office and having spent 12 years personally as emergency cox for the RNLi I'd like to be considered a prudent operator with regard to safety at sea."

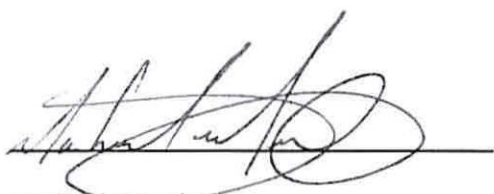
All of Allihies Seafood's objections point to concerns of navigational safety, be it to local operators, sailing or fishing or working and we would like to redirect these objections to the earlier submission

made in response. We are prudent operators with vast local knowledge and experience in the area. Furthermore, aligned with the fact that this matter has already been dealt with by all the statutory consultees including the Marine Survey Office (MSO) who had no issues with this application and subsequent granting of this license.

We acknowledge that Allihies Seafood Ltd. have been granted a license in this locality but we do not believe that our site will impede them from accessing their site or any local piers that they intend to use.

We hope that this objection can be dismissed, and we can move forward, developing our seaweed farming business.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Murphy', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.

Michael Murphy

Director/Owner Dingle Bay Seaweed Ltd.

An Bord Achomhairc Um Cheadúnais Dobharshaothraithe
Aquaculture Licences Appeals Board



Dingle Bay Seaweed Ltd.,
Oakmount
Castletownbere
Co. Cork

16 December 2019

Our Ref: AP51/2019
Site Ref: T05/607A

Re: Appeal against the decision of the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to grant a licence to Dingle Bay Seaweed Ltd. to cultivate native red, green and brown seaweeds on seeding string transferred from the hatchery for on-growing at sea on single headrope longlines in the sub-tidal part of the foreshore at site T05/607A along the north shore of Castletownbere Sound, Bantry Bay, Co. Cork

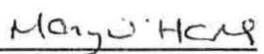
To whom it may concern,

Please see attached Notices of Appeal received by the Aquaculture Licences Appeals Board (ALAB) in relation to the above. The Notice is served in accordance with the provisions of Section 44(1) of the Fisheries (Amendment) Act, 1997 (No 23).

In accordance with the provisions of Section 44(2), you may make submissions or observations in writing to the Board in relation to the appeal within a period of **30 days**, beginning on the day on which a copy of the Notice of Appeal is sent to you. Any submissions or observations received by the Board after the expiration of that period shall not be taken into consideration.

In this instance your reply, if any, should reach the Board at the above address not later than **15 January 2020**. As part of the decision-making process, the Board may also authorise an inspection of the site(s) under appeal.

Yours sincerely,


Mary O'Hara
Secretary to the Board