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To the Appeals Board regarding above license granted West Cork Seafoods to cultivate mussels on long lines:

A number of people, both local otherwise are following this application and subsequent communications.

It is with great dismay it would appear that few, if any, of the comments in the detailed letters sent to you, have been considered.

It is time to get serious about the environmental impact and the degradation of the Sheepshead peninsula by commercial development.

I ask you to please consider the valid points raised:

- overusing the area.
- other sites are more suitable yet left defunct.
- The impartiality of review by 'Marine institute' is vague.
- the record of the applicant in past enterprises is certainly documented.
- ownership of Gerahies Pier which so many of us have been discouraged to use.
- the overall loss of something which cannot be replicated anywhere – the land and seascape complimenting each other.

This area is specifically mentioned and promoted for Tourism and cited as an area of great scenic beauty. Its that way because it had been relatively unexploited until the past 30 years. Sadly in recent years it is over developed, road safety despite widening attempts is in jeopardy with lorries plying back and forth sometimes at great speed.