

Mr Martin Heydon
Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine
Agriculture House
Kildare Street
Dublin 2

23 July 2025

Our Ref: AP1/2025
Site Ref: T05-472A

Re: Appeals against the decision of the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to grant an Aquaculture Licence to Woodstown Bay Shellfish Limited for bottom-culture mussel farming on site T05/472A at Kinsale Harbour, Kinsale County Cork.

Dear Minister

Attached please find copies of the Notice of Appeals received for determination by the Aquaculture Licences Appeals board, forwarded in accordance with Section 43(1) of the Fisheries Amendment Act 1997, ("the Act").

A total of one hundred and forty-seven (147) appeals have been received in relation to the above-mentioned licence, in Kinsale Harbour, Co. Cork.

Pursuant to Section 42 (1) of the Act, the Board may, in its discretion, treat two or more appeals as, and the appellants, as parties to a single appeal. The Board has decided at this time, to exercise that discretion and to consider all 147 appeals as a single appeal, as they relate to the same licence application. Please note that the Board, in its discretion, may at any time separate such appeals. In that event you will be notified accordingly. The Notice of Appeal documents may be viewed on the ALAB website at the following link: <https://www.alab.ie/activeappeals/>

Please submit to the Board **within 14 days of receipt of this letter** (as required by Section 43(2) of the Act):

- (a) A copy of the aquaculture licence concerned and of any drawings, maps, particulars, evidence, environmental impact statement, other written study or further information

received or obtained from the applicant for the licence in accordance with a requirement of or under regulations under the Act.

- (b) A copy of any report prepared for you in relation to the application, revocation, or amendment and
- (c) A copy of any document recording your decision in respect of the application, revocation, or amendment and of the notification of the decision given to the applicant.

Please include, as part of the above, a location map of the surrounding area to include:

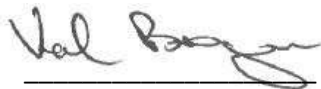
- (i) Sites under application
- (ii) Sites lapsed
- (iii) Licensed sites
- (iv) Sites currently under appeal (if any).

In accordance with the requirements of Section 44(1) of the Act, copies of each of the other appeals received by the Board are attached. Section 44(2) of the Act entitles you and each other party, except the appellant, to 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 that party by the Board.

In accordance with the foregoing, I would be grateful if you would:

- (i) Acknowledge receipt of the Board's letter and forward the necessary documentation and
- (ii) Make, if necessary, any submission(s) or observations in accordance with Section 44(2) of the Act in writing to be received by the Board on or before **21 August 2025**.

Yours sincerely,



Karl Brogan
Secretary to the Board

cc: Mr Brian Batt, Aquaculture and Foreshore Management Division

Woodstown Bay Shellfish Ltd

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To whom it may concern

Please see attached Notices of appeals 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)

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In accordance with Section 49 of the Act, you may also request an oral hearing of this appeal. Such request must be submitted within the timeframe noted above and must be accompanied by a non-refundable fee of €75 (seventy-five Euro).

The fee for an Oral Hearing request may be paid by way of Cheque or Electronic Funds Transfer. Cheques are payable to the Aquaculture Licences Appeals Board in accordance with the Aquaculture Licensing Appeals (Fees) Regulations, 2021 (S.I. No. 771 of 2021)

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In this instance your submission of observations and/or your request for an Oral Hearing, if any, should reach the Board at the above address not later than **21 August 2025**.

As part of the decision-making process, the Board may also authorise an inspection of the site under appeal.

Yours sincerely



Karl Brogan
Secretary to the Board