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Aquaculture Licences Appeals Board

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

16 November 2026

Our Ref: AP2/1-2/2023
Site Ref: T09/093

Re: Appeal against the decision of the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to grant an Aquaculture Licence to the Marine Institute to cultivate various species of finfish, shellfish and seaweeds for research purposes on the foreshore on site T09/093 at Lehannah Pool, Bertraghboy Bay, Co. Galway

Dear Minister

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Yours sincerely,

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cc: Mr Brian Batt, (Aquaculture and Foreshore Management Division)

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Mr Timmy Dooley TD
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Peter Sweetman and on behalf of Wild Ireland Defence

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