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Re: Appeal to aquaculture licences in Wexford Harbour, Co Wexford
ALAB Ref: AP34-48/2019
NPWS ref: WX-DAFFWX-A180620-0106

National Parks and Wildlife Service welcomes the circulation of documents related to the appeal against licencing of aquaculture in Wexford Harbour and the opportunity to make a submission on the proposed works in the vicinity.

It is noted that Aquaculture Licensing Appeal Board are considering T03/30E; T03/035A, B, C, F & G; T03/48A; T03/91A; T03/30A2, B, C, E; T03/030/1 (site D); T03/099A; T03/46A, B, C; T03/047A, B, C; T03/083A; T03/085A; T03/049A, B, C, Cl & D; T03/077A; T03/52A & B; & T03/55E.

As part of the original statutory consultation notified by NPWS to the Competent Authority on the 6th June 2018, and a further communication to ALAB in September 2023, NPWS indicated that the information provided was insufficient to inform a decision to grant permission for the licencing of aquaculture at these sites. A number of grounds were cited but overall it could be stated that the licensing would not be compatible with the conservation objectives for Slaney River Valley SAC.

No further information has been circulated to NPWS that would change the content of the previous submission.

Yours sincerely,

David Lyons