

Aquaculture Licences Appeals Board Kilminchy Court, Dublin Road, Portlaoise County Laois, R32 DTW5

30/01/2025

## **Wexford Harbour ALAB appeals**

Dear Mary,

In the final version of the KRC Ecological Report dated 26 September 2024 - "A gaps analysis of ornithological information underpinning future environmental planning with respect to aquaculture in Wexford Harbour", we made reference to a number of appeals some of which were withdrawn and some of which are/were live. I understand that the following appeals were withdrawn:

- To3/35A, B, C, F&G
- To<sub>3</sub>/<sub>4</sub>6A, B, C,
- To3/049A, B, C, C1 & D
- To3/o77A
- To3/52A & B
- To3/55E

And no appeal submitted with respect to the following sites:

To3/72B, To3/90, To3/74A & B, To3/80A.

I can confirm that our conclusions as provided in the above report are still valid in respect to the assessment of actual and proposed activities on remaining live appeals being handled by the Board. It remains the case that it is not possible to assess the potential impacts of aquaculture activity on the Wexford Harbour and Slobs SPA and certain other SPAs without addressing significant data gaps.

The gaps analysis and associated recommended programme of work to address the data gaps identified in the September 2024 Report thus apply to the assessment of the remaining appeals.

I would also note that any assessment of the remaining activities which are the subject of the live appeals would still require an in-combination assessment with other existing, proposed and permitted activities including those the subject of the withdrawn appeals.

Yours sincerely,

Kendrew Colhoun Director