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Application for an Aquaculture Licence and a Foreshore Licence

Silver King Seafoods Limited t/a Mowi Ireland has applied to the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine under Section 10 of the Fisheries (Amendment) Act 1997 for an Aquaculture Licence to cultivate salmon at a site east of Deenish Island, between Ballinskelligs Bay and Kenmare Bay, Co Kerry.

The same applicant has applied for a Foreshore Licence under Section 3 of the Foreshore Act 1933, as amended, for the area of foreshore to be used for this aquaculture activity.

Public Consultation – Aquaculture Licence and Foreshore Licence

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Regulation 8 of SI 236/1998 – Aquaculture (Licence Application) Regulations, as amended, that the above applicant has applied for an Aquaculture Licence under the Fisheries (Amendment) Act 1997. The same applicant has applied for a Foreshore Licence under the Foreshore Act 1933, as amended. In this regard, public submissions or observations are invited on the proposed applications.

Invitation for Public Submissions or Observations on Appropriate Assessment

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Regulation 42 of SI 477/2011 – European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011, as amended, that the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine in considering an application for an Aquaculture Licence under the Fisheries (Amendment) Act 1997 and an application for a Foreshore Licence under the Foreshore Act 1933, as amended, has determined that an Appropriate Assessment is required as the plan or project is not directly connected with or necessary to the management of the site as a European Site and it cannot be excluded, on the basis of objective scientific information following screening under the Regulation, that the plan or project, individually or in combination with other plans or projects, will have a significant effect on a European site.

A copy of the Screening for Appropriate Assessment determination is available at:

https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/437d9-t06-202-silver-king-seafoods-ltd-aquaculturefore shore-licence-application-to-cultivate-salmon/

In considering this matter, the Minister had regard to the following:

1. The application for an Aquaculture Licence and a Foreshore Licence and the documentation appended thereto.
2. The Screening for Appropriate Assessment Report
3. All other relevant information submitted in relation to this application.

The Minister will make a determination as to whether or not the proposed project would adversely affect the integrity of a European site in accordance with Regulation 42(11) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011, as amended, and, in doing so, shall have regard to the matters in Regulation 42(12).

Timeframes for Submissions and Access to Information

Members of the public who wish to make a submission or observation in writing concerning the proposed Aquaculture and Foreshore application or concerning the Appropriate Assessment, may do so within 8 weeks between 13th December 2023 and 12th February 2024.

A copy of the application, Environmental Impact Assessment Report and other relevant documentation will be available for inspection for 8 weeks, between 13th December 2023 and 12th February 2024, free of charge at:

- Waterville Garda Station – Opening Hours: Local Opening Hours only, contact station for details
- Caherciveen Garda Station – 9am-9pm daily.

A copy of the Environmental Impact Assessment Report may also be purchased from Silver King Seafoods Limited at a cost of €30 per copy during the same period.

The documentation and information is also available on the Department's website at:

https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/437d9-t06-202-silver-king-seafoods-ltd-aquaculturefore shore-licence-application-to-cultivate-salmon/

All public submissions or observations (quoting reference T06/202) can be addressed to the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Aquaculture and Foreshore Management Division, National Seafood Centre, Clogheen, Clonakilty, Co. Cork, P85 TX47 or FinfishPC@agriculture.gov.ie

Under SI 236/1998 – Aquaculture (Licence Application) Regulations, a valid submission or observation must contain the name and address of the person making the submission.

All public submissions or observations relating to the Aquaculture and Foreshore application will be made available to the applicant for comment and will also be published on the Department's website.

On this 13th of December, 2023 date of publication.