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I am writing to object to the planning for the oyster farm in Ballyness Bay, Falcarragh, Co Donegal.
Let me outline some of the issues.

I object to the total disregard shown by the Dept of Agriculture and the Aquaculture licences Appeals board for the opinions of the majority of the community in their total opposition to shellfish farming in Ballyness bay.
Rather, there seems to have been noticeable bias by them in favour of the oyster licence applicants all during the licensing and appeals process.
I object to ALAB's disregard of the well founded concerns that have been expressed by the natural environment in the bay, coupled with their ignoring of the mostbasic of the EU Directives to protect its rare and endangered wildlife.
A particularly dangerous threat is the introduction of non-native species of Clams and Pacific oysters in the Bay and the denial of the well documented possibility of these to revert to spawning and colonise the surrounding area.

Ballyness Bay is a much cherished amenity in the community and provides a health-giving location for walking, swimming,angling,art,windsurfing etc, to the community and visitors alike.
Shellfish farming will add pollution,litter noise and daily and night-time disturbance.
Ballyness Bay is an increasingly popular beauty spot along the Wild Atlantic Way. that translates into tourism income that is a very important addition to the local economy. Arrays of oyster trestles would be an unacceptable visual blot on the bay as well as reducing its appeal to visitors and locals alike.
Wide experience from other areas all point to a marked deterioration in the local environment once commercial shellfish farming is introduced. We don't want Ballyness Bay to follow the same pattern.
This is a hugely important issue for our community.
For all these reasons and many more,I strongly object to the granting of this license.

Yours sincerely
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