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Re-oyster licence /oyster farming at Ballyness bay.

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I am a regular visitor to Magheroarty beach and have been for several years, visiting numerous times throughout the year. I have never found oyster farming to be anyway noisy or obstructive to anyone, and it has never stopped me from enjoying the beautiful trips. In fact it's fantastic to see local fishermen working and looking after their families and communities with a tradition that's carried through the generations. With generations of knowledge passed down through families each family has a vested interest in looking after the environment that they use for their livelihood.
Having spoke to many over the years these people are not just running an oyster farm, they are welcoming to visitors and have a history they tell when you talk to them. Their work enhances the area and keeps a community alive.
With work in rural areas already difficult these people have built and sustained a livelihood from the beach in an environmentally friendly way. It is wonderful to visit a beautiful area and see people working towards sustaining their own communities.
I whole heartedly support the oyster farming and hope to see it and other local traditions of making a living from the beach in an environmentally friendly way, continue over many years
Yours sincerely
Fiona Farrell
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