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Ballyness Bay is designated as Special Area of Conservation (SAC)
County
Donegal

Coordinates
Latitude: 55.1487
Longitude: -8.13374

Qualifying Interests

Estuaries [1130]

Mudflats and sandflats not covered by seawater at low tide [1140]

Embryonic shifting dunes [2110]

Shifting dunes along the shoreline with Ammophila arenaria (white dunes) [2120]

Fixed coastal dunes with herbaceous vegetation (grey dunes) [2130]

Humid dune slacks [2190]

Vertigo geyeri (Geyer's Whorl Snail) [1013]

Ballyness Bay is an unspoilt coastal amenity in an area with huge tourism potential and is in no way compatible with
Industrial scale shellfish farming will add pollution, litter, noise and daily and night time disturbance on the bay and on access roads.
It was suggested to the government in the 1960's that a lagoon could be created for a water sports amenity and that potential remains still.

- Access to the shell cages would , primarily, be on the soft sand tracks on the dunes leading to serious damage to the surface vegetation on the dunes.
- The actual needs of this bay is the protection of the critically eroded dunes.

- There are no plans in place to ensure the necessary protection of the dunes, particularly, considering the massive impact of construction and business trucks that would be traversing the already depleted dunes.
- No requirement on the applicant to maintain the dunes, anyway no enterprise involved would have the wherewithal to protect such an amenity once it becomes an industrial site.
- The bay is already seriously polluted with sewage effluent from the public sewers of Gort a'Choirce and an Fál Carrach

The reasons listed above outline why the planned shell fishery should not be given permission.

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