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Dear Sir

I write on behalf of George Rogan (myself) and my wife Philomena Rogan who live in lower Killult, where our property overlooks Ballyness Bay.

We wish to express our wholehearted objection to the decisions of the Department of Agriculture, and the Aquatic Licences Appeals Board (ALAB) to grant Shellfish farming licences on Ballyness Bay. This despite an overwhelming objection of the local community along with the vast amount of environmental, ecological and socioeconomic evidence which supports our position that Ballyness Bay is not suitable for such farming (particularly as this involves the introduction of foreign species into the bay).

For us personally, Donegal is our home and a community that is largely dependent on the economic boost of tourism, with visitors coming from across the world to visit this unique part of our county, in one of the most scenic part of Ireland. A massive part of Ireland is the Wild Atlantic Way tourism campaign, and the natural beauty of Ballyness bay is a key aspect of this that draws in tourists to support local shops, hotels, restaurants and pubs. To jeopardise this through these hideous cages for the commercial gain of outside companies, whilst also causing noise, pollution and ecological damage to the local area is completely unacceptable..

It would appear that throughout this protract ted saga, that there has been a commercial bias in favour of the oyster farm applicants by the authorities, and we would urge these links to be fully investigated.

It is essential that common sense prevails for the benefit of the local people, environment and economy (a handful of additional jobs is not an adequate trade off for the damage caused) and we would urge you to uphold this appeal and reject these licences.

Thanks

George and Philomena Rogan