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To whom it may concern:

I want to express my concern about the potential granting of aquaculture licences in Ballyness Bay, County Donegal.

Ballyness bay is a much-loved amenity in the area. It gives much pleasure and affords pastimes like swimming, fishing, artistic opportunities and watersports to locals and tourists alike. I fear that the pollution and disturbance that is caused by large scale shellfish farming will detract from the beauty of this place. As a coastline on the Wild Atlantic Way we would be flying in the face of all that is beautiful and pleasurable to the eye. Any type of fish farm that I have ever encountered is a visual blot.

There is an EU Directive to protect rare and endangered wildlife all around this bay. This type of development does not buy into that. Although my knowledge of the subject is limited, I would imagine that any kinds of non-native species introduced would bring their own set of problems. We only have to look at how we constantly fire-fight non-native species of plants introduced to this area to see how this could become a problem in time to come.

Please add me to the list of people who do not want to see this beautiful area destroyed.

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