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Dear ALAB,

I am the son of one of the many objectors to aquaculture licences in Ballyness Bay. When I have children, I will ensure they speak up for nature too. This is generational and will continue as long as is needed.

Some key points to share are:

- Where is it written that one assessment can be used for multiple, different locations? They are different projects by different applicants and without assessment, the ecological areas can also be considered different. It would be considered a biased approach towards licensing if there wasn't proof that this was a legally acceptable approach.

- National Biodiversity Data Centre mark Pacific oysters as an invasive species. Triploid oysters do reproduce at 2% of the standard rate. Your assessment reads as if they don't and there is no risk

Another big concern from reading your revised assessment is that licence granting is based on a number of measures that would be required to ensure licenced farmers operate in a manner that does not cause a damaging impact.

Who will police those measures? What are your resources? Honestly consider who will ensure compliance or is licensing all that is considered, leaving nature to try defend itself from any malpractice. Even if there were no resources, it would be very easy to monitor the licencee's operations using satellites. Will that be done?

A number of those who are being considered for a licence have said on national radio that they have operated in the past without a licence so what's the likelihood that they'll bother to heed the requirements you have stipulated. My understanding is that those who have operated without a licence intentionally would not be permitted a licence in the future.

A number of the applicants have harassed local people who have supported maintaining the bay as a special area of conservation and have damaged property. Why should such behaviour be rewarded a licence?

Please take the time to show due respect to the concerns of a community.

Kind regards,

Johnny Connaghan