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FAO: Minister Martin Heydon

Dear department of Agriculture Minister Hayden,

I live in Donegal beside a SPA - **SPECIAL PROTECTED AREA** - Ballyness Bay - also known locally as Magheraroarty bay.

The Saveballynessbay campaign began in the Summer of 2019 when - BY CHANCE - it was discovered that the then Minister Michael Creed from Macroom, had it would seem, a full intention of approving the desiccation of our beautiful Bay by approving aquaculture here - IN **A SPECIAL PROTECTED AREA - A PLACE THAT IS NOT DESIGNATED FOR AQUACULTURE.**

I am objecting to the total disregard shown by the Dept of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM) then and the Aquaculture Licences Appeals Board (ALAB) to the opinions of the vast majority of my community in total opposition to shellfish farming in Ballyness Bay. Rather, there seems to have been noticeable bias by both organisations in favour of the oyster licence applicants all during the licensing and appeals process.

I/We object to ALAB's disregard of the well-founded concerns that have been expressed for the natural environment in the bay, coupled with your ignoring of the most basic of the EU Directives to protect its rare and endangered wildlife - in our community.

This has been a long struggle from thousands of locals near and farther a field.

I would hope that you now as the Minister Martin Heydon, please dont let this be your legacy for us Donegal people.

I eagerly await your response,
Is mise le meas,
Sean O Baoill