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Re. Appropriate Assessment of appeal of aquaculture licences for Ballyness Bay, Falcarragh, Co Donegal

Please consider:

- Ballyness Bay is a special area of conservation
- It is also an area of outstanding natural beauty and a main draw for tourists to this area
- Pacific oysters are a threat to our native oysters and mussels
- The rich ecosystem of the area, including seals, and over-wintering birds, will be completely altered

So, on the one hand there are a few local business men looking to pile up more coffers - something which will enrich nobody else and may do little good even to themselves. On the other hand, there is an astoundingly beautiful part of the world which brings great joy and pleasure, contributing to the wellbeing of thousands of people each year and preserving a special habitat for our children and grandchildren.

This place, Ballyness Bay, is special; really special. It's our Cliffs of Moher, it's our Giant's Causeway, our Hill of Tara. Please help us to save it.

Many thanks,
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Karen McLaughlin