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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my support for the proposed oyster and clam farming licence in Ballyness Bay, Falcarragh, County Donegal

I have run a kayak business in this bay for 35 years[redacted] and walk Magheroarty Beach every day. Over that time, I have come to know this coastline very well. I know the small areas outlined for oyster and clam farming and I have no objection to our local shellfish farmers sharing the water with other users, provided the activity is carried out responsibly and in a way that respects the bay's natural environment and existing recreational uses.

In my experience, sustainable oyster farming can sit comfortably alongside the marine and tourism activities that are important to our local community. Oysters are filter feeders, helping to remove suspended particles from the water as they feed. Well-managed oyster farming can also support local employment, create opportunities for related businesses, and contribute to the economic vitality of the area.

Oyster farming may offer benefits beyond direct employment. It can help diversify the local economy, support coastal livelihoods, and add to the area's food production. With appropriate siting, monitoring and management, it can operate alongside kayaking, walking and the enjoyment of Ballyness Bay's scenery. These activities should be considered together so that the bay remains a valuable natural and recreational asset for residents and visitors.

I believe projects such as this can make a positive contribution to a thriving coastal community. I support the application in principle, with the expectation that the farm will be managed sustainably and that any relevant environmental protections and licensing conditions will be followed.

Best regards,

Kathleen Gallagher

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