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Hi

I want to show my support for the granting of an oyster licence in Ballyness Bay. I have lived in Magheroarty all my life. I am married with a young son of 18mths with another baby due at Christmas. I am a fisherman for the past 12 years, fishing crab in Holland. I work 2 weeks off & 2 weeks on.
If the oyster licence is granted it would offer local employment and I would be hopeful that I could get the opportunity to work & live locally and not have to leave the family every 2 weeks.

The Irish language is very important to me. Magheroarty national school is an all Irish school in the Gaeltacht. When I attended this school there were 3 teachers, this has now reduced to 2 due to locals leaving to seek employment elsewhere. We are in dire need of any new jobs in this area so as to attract families back to the area. I cannot understand any group objecting to this licence with all the benefits it would bring to the area.

It is not the local people who are objecting, it is people who do not live in the area and have a hidden agenda and not taking the good of the area into consideration.

Please grant this licence to allow me to live and work in my home town.

Thank-you

Kevin McFadden