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Good evening.

I am writing to formally submit my strong objection to the granting of aquaculture licences in Ballyness Bay ahead of the submission deadline

The key grounds for this objection are as follows:

- Community Opposition: DAFM and ALAB have consistently disregarded the clear opposition of the local community, demonstrating a noticeable bias toward the applicants throughout the process.
- Breach of Environmental Protection: There is a failure to uphold EU Directives designed to protect rare and endangered wildlife within the bay's natural environment.
- Threat of Non-Native Species: The introduction of non-native species, specifically Clams and Pacific Oysters, poses a severe risk of spawning and colonisation in the surrounding area.
- Disruption to Community Amenity: Industrial-scale farming will introduce pollution, litter, noise, and ongoing disturbance to a cherished amenity widely used for walking, swimming, boating, angling, art, and windsurfing.
- Economic Impact on Tourism: The visual blight created by arrays of oyster trestles will negatively impact the local tourism economy along the Wild Atlantic Way.
- Environmental Degradation: Documented evidence from other regions demonstrates significant environmental deterioration following the introduction of commercial shellfish farming.

For these reasons, I strongly urge you to refuse the granting of these licences.
And protect this bay
Regards,

Susannah Gallagher