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A Chara,
I am appealing to you to NOT grant Licences for aquaculture in Ballyness Bay.
It would be preposterous to grant these licences, you must not allow for our beautiful bay to be destroyed.
In any case this bay is NOT suitable for such an enterprise which is widely used by locals and tourists alike for a wide number of recreational events. Residue from aqua farming would seriously impede these activities and would be seriously unjust.
You will have already heard the objections from the Ballyness Bay Committee who were elected to serve on behalf of the community.
I will enclose a list of some of the issues already submitted by the committee on behalf of the community the area and which I wholeheartedly support and would to add to this appeal against those licences

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Our campaign began in the Summer of 2019. We object to the total disre
shown by the Dept of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM) and the
Aquaculture Licences Appeals Board (ALAB) to the opinions of the vast
majority of the community in their total opposition to shellfish farming in
Ballyness Bay. Rather, there seems to have been noticeable bias by those
organisations in favour of the oyster licence applicants all during the lice
and appeals process.

We object to ALAB's disregard of the wellfounded concerns that have be
expressed for the natural environment in the bay, coupled with their ignor
the most basic of the EU Directives to protect its rare and endangered wi
A particularly dangerous threat is the introduction of non-native species
Clams and Pacific Oysters into the Bay and the denial of the well docume
possibility of these to revert to spawning and colonise the surrounding a

Ballyness Bay is a much cherished amenity in the community. It provides
health-giving location for walking, swimming, boating, angling, art, winds
etc, to the community and to visitors alike.
Industrial scale shellfish farming will add pollution, litter, noise and daily
night time disturbance on the bay and on access roads.

Ballyness Bay is an increasingly popular beauty spot along the Wild Atlan
Way. That translates into tourism income that is a very important additio
the local economy. Arrays of oyster trestles would be an unacceptable vi
blot on the bay as well as reducing its appeal to visitors and locals alike.

Wide experience from other areas all point to a marked deterioration in th
environment once commercial shellfish farming is introduced. We don't w
Ballyness Bay to follow the same pattern.

This is a hugely important issue for our community.

For all these reasons outlined and many more, we strongly object to the
granting of aquaculture licences in Ballyness Bay.