

**ALAB**An Bord Achomhairc Um  
Cheadúnais Dobharshaothraithe  
Aquaculture Licences Appeals Board

## pNotice of Appeal Under Section 40(1) of Fisheries (Amendment) Act 1997 (No.23)

API-106-25

## APPEAL FORM

Please note that in accordance with Section 40(2) of the 1997 Act this form will only be accepted if delivered by **REGISTERED POST** or by **hand** to the ALAB offices at the following address: **Aquaculture Licences Appeals Board, Kilminchy Court, Dublin Road, Portlaoise, Co. Laois, R32 DTW5**

Name of Appellant (Block Letters)

ORLA MHIC ATHLAOICH

Address of Appellant

Eircode

Phone No.

Email address (enter below)

Mobile No.

Please note if there is **any change** to the details given above, the onus is on the appellant to ensure that ALAB is notified accordingly.

**FEES**

Fees must be received by the closing date for receipt of appeals	Amount	Tick
An appeal by an applicant for a license against a decision by the Minister in respect of that application	€380	
An appeal by the holder of a license against the revocation or amendment of that license by the Minister	€380	
An appeal by any other individual or organisation	€150	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Request for an Oral Hearing* (fee payable in addition to appeal fee) *In the event that the Board decides not to hold an Oral Hearing the fee will not be refunded	€75	

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Please note the following:

1. Failure to submit the appropriate fee with your appeal will result in your appeal being deemed invalid.
2. Payment of the correct fees **must be received on or before** the closing date for receipt of appeals, otherwise the appeal will not be accepted.
3. The appropriate fee (or a request for an oral hearing) must be submitted against each determination being appealed.



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In accordance with Section 41(1) f of the Fisheries (Amendment) Act 1997, where an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is required for the project in question, please provide a copy of the confirmation notice, or other evidence (such as the Portal ID Number) that the proposed aquaculture the subject of this appeal is included on the portal established under Section 172A of the Planning and Development Act 2000. (See Explanatory Note at Appendix 2 below for further information).

Please tick the relevant box below:

EIA Portal Confirmation Notice is enclosed with this Notice of Appeal		
Other evidence of Project's inclusion on EIA Portal is enclosed or set out below (such as the Portal ID Number)		
An EIA was not completed in the Application stage/the Project does not appear on the EIA Portal		✓
Details of other evidence	Please see attached letter —	
Signed by the Appellant	Date	24/6/2025
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This Notice of Appeal should be completed under each heading, including all the documents, particulars, or information as specified in the notice and duly signed by the appellant, and may include such additional documents, particulars, or information relating to the appeal as the appellant considers necessary or appropriate.”

**DATA PROTECTION** – All data collected for the purposes of this appeal may be used and may include publication on the ALAB website.



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I am writing to formally appeal the decision to grant an aquaculture license to Woodstown Bay Shellfish Ltd. for bottom-culture mussel farming on a 23.1626-hectare site (T05-472A) in Kinsale Harbour, Co. Cork.

This decision is wrong -

1. It does not fall within the Designated Aquaculture area of Kinsale Harbour or within the SFPA's List of Classified Bivalve Mollusc Production Areas.

2. The EU guidance that an Environmental Impact Assessment be carried out was not done.
3. Such a large-scale aquaculture development would restrict navigation, impact traditional fishing routes and interfere with recreational activities.
4. There would be serious risks to the ecology of the area due to water pollution and eutrophication. Dredging would displace sediment, and would ultimately threaten biodiversity.

5. Seagrass - *Zostera marina* - is a habitat protected under the EU. It requires clear water and shallow seas to grow and is the only flowering plant which grows in marine environments. They form dense underwater seagrass meadows which are among the most productive ecosystems in the world. They provide habitats and food for a diversity of marine life comparable to that of coral reefs. They function as important carbon sinks which is most significant in the current climate crisis. An extensive meadow of seagrass exists in the harbour.

6. Public health would be at risk due to a deterioration in water quality as a result of mussel mortality which would also cause a smell.

Broken empty shells would be hazardous as they would be washed up on the beach.

7. The Dock Beach is the only safe sandy beach in Kinsale. It has been used by locals in Kinsale for generations. As a year-round daily swimmer - now in my 70's - the beach is used everyday of the year. The Kinsale Outdoor Centre runs

courses during the year -  
everyday during school holidays-  
and have designated times for  
those who are mentally or  
physically challenged. Spending  
time in and on the water is  
very therapeutic for them.

Others come daily following  
surgery as the cold sea water  
speeds up recovery. Many more -  
both women and men swim for  
mental relaxation.

I cannot comprehend the hypocrisy  
of granting this license to Woodstown Bay  
Shellfish Ltd. . In my opinion, it is  
a disgusting abomination.  
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