

## AP2/2015 Shot Head

Section 47 request to:

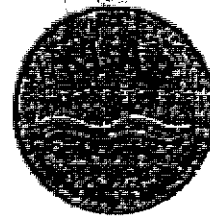
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October 2016

Response received:

17 November 2016



**An Bord Achomharc Um Cheadúnaís Dobharahéithrialthe  
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**6 October 2016**

**Our Ref: AF2/1-14/2015  
Site Ref: T05/555 Shot Head, Bantry Bay, Co Cork**

**Re: Appeal against the decision by the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to the conditions/grant of Aquaculture and Foreshore Licences to Bradia Fasad Teo t/a Marine Harvest Ireland, Keshrum, Fasad, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal on site Ref: T05/555 for the cultivation of Atlantic Salmon; *Salmo Salar* on a site on the foreshore at Shot Head, Bantry Bay, Co Cork**

**To whom it concerns**

**The Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine granted an Aquaculture and Foreshore licence for the cultivation of Atlantic Salmon; *Salmo Salar* on a site on the foreshore at Shot Head, Bantry Bay, Co Cork.**

**Fourteen appeals have been made to Aquaculture Licence Appeals Board (ALAB), and ALAB has considered the documentation furnished. ALAB is of the opinion that further information is necessary for the purposes of enabling the Board determine the Appeal. Pursuant to Section 47(1) (a) of the Fisheries (Amendment) Act, 1997, where the Board is of the opinion that any document, particulars or other information is or are necessary for the purposes of enabling the Board determine the Appeal it may serve a notice on a party.**

**In accordance with the provisions of section 47(1) (a) of the Act, the Board requires the following information:**

**Freshwater pearl mussel in Dromagowlane River**

**The presence of the mouth of the Dromagowlane River, 1.2 km north of the proposed licence area, was not mentioned in either the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) or the Environmental Impact Assessment submitted as part of the Appeal to the Board. The Board notes that some of the Appellants maintain that this river supports colonies of freshwater pearl mussel. The Board requires clarification from you as to whether the Dromagowlane River does or does not support colonies of freshwater pearl mussel.**

In accordance with section 47 (1) (a) of the Act, the Board requires this information within 28 days of receipt of this letter.

Please note that if the documents, particulars or other information specified above is not received before the expiration of the period specified above, or such later period as may be agreed by the Board, the Board will, without further reference to you, determine the appeal.

Please also note that a person who refuses or fails to comply with a requirement under subsection (1)(a) shall be guilty of an offence.

We await hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Mary O'Hara  
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Secretary to the Board

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**From:** Foreshore EPA Marine [fem.dau@ahg.gov.ie]  
**Sent:** 17 November 2016 14:13  
**To:** Alab, Info  
**Subject:** Shot Head, Bantry Bay, Co Cork

FAO Mary O'Hara

**Re:** Shot Head, Bantry Bay, Co Cork

A Chara,

On behalf of the Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs I refer to the above. Outlined below please find the Nature Conservation observations.

The freshwater pearl mussel (*Margaritifera margaritifera*) is known to occur in the Trafrask or Dromagowlane River, Beara Peninsula, Co. Cork. The river was assessed as having a relatively large population of the species (Ross, 2009). The catchment of the Trafrask River is illustrated as a *Margaritifera* Sensitive Area Map available at: <https://www.npws.ie/maps-and-data/habitat-and-species-data>

Please also see:

<https://www.npws.ie/research-projects/animal-species/invertebrates/freshwater-pearl-mussel/freshwater-pearl-mussel-data>

and

<https://www.npws.ie/research-projects/animal-species/invertebrates/freshwater-pearl-mussel/monitoring>  
For information on the available data on this species, and how they can be accessed.

*Ross, E.D. (2009) Rapid Assessment of Margaritifera margaritifera (L.) populations in Ireland: Rivers assessed in 2008. Unpublished report to National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, Dublin*

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