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Dear Mary. Thank you for the complete document. I would like to submit my response to the appeals having reviewed the complete Marine Harvest appeal, Bantry Salmon and Trout Anglers Association and Mr Hunt's introduction of the presence of "conflict of interest" issue. I will also send a copy in PDF form as an attachment.

Response to Appeals to Salmon Farm License at Shot Head T5/555. 16th Nov. 2015

Fraud Deception and Deceit.

The omission of the Dromagoulane (Dromogolane) River.

The representatives of Marine Harvest and Marine Institute have combed the area of Shot Head from the first application for a salmon farm in 2008 to the second in 2012. If the river in question was intentionally omitted then Fraud Deception and Deceit is the operative heading and grounds for appeal and declaring the EIS null and void. If the applicant and their co-operating State Agency were unaware of the presence of this river then neither should be involved in an operation that involves the nationally protected habitat, the environment and the Public Health of the Nation.

It is widely known that the Dromagoulane river is home to one of the few remaining habitats of the Pearl Mussel and any person endangering this mussel will be prosecuted, a salmon farm at Shot Head has that potential.

Having spent 15 yrs. of my youth one hundred yards from the edge of the Araglen river where one could watch the salmon jostle to clear the rapid in rows of sixes and sevens it appears Dromagoulane is 2+ times the size of the Araglen river which makes a significant habitat for spawning salmon, salmon which are also, one vital link in the life cycle of the pearl mussel. A picture of the pearl mussels taken in September 2015 will be submitted as an attachment to another email.

M/s Reynolds qualifications are no doubt sterling, however she reassured her complete absence of conflict of interest as Chair of the ALAB when she gave evidence to the Oireachtas. One would question when her company Beauchamps was first in efforts to hire Maree Gallagher. According to M/s Reynolds, M/s Gallagher was hired to target companies in the Irish Food and Agriculture sector i.e. Marine Harvest and other companies involved in fish farming and fish processing who would benefit from the proliferation of Aquaculture and the granting of licensing in that sector.

FISSTA's appeal refers to the free use of Irish Water to wash the diseased salmon. Marine Harvest has been taking water from the Taramac-Fleming quarry to their salmon farm at Roancarrig for the last four years. The capacity of the Well Boat is 1.250m³. the boat carried water from the quarry once to twice a day for four years. A rough estimate at once a day would cost a business in Ireland, a bill of 1/2 million euros to 1 million euros. Lets refer to Irish Water for a more accurate figure.

According to contract and license for the quarry, it was allowed to be drilled to 30m, however it may have exceeded that x2. Eight to ten houses in the area are outside the public water system and depend on

bored wells for their water supply. An inquiry to the county engineer on the safety of that water got the reply " I looked at it and it looked OK to me, but if you are concerned go check it your self" What once looked like the biggest man made lake in Ireland is empty and the water for washing the fish is sucked up from the bottom of that lake bed. You do not need to have an engineering degree to know that quarry water is toxic, unsuitable for washing fish, unsuitable for dumping in the sea and unsuitable for human consumption. 180,000 euros was given to Cork Co.Co. in the above contract, to restore the site to as near possible to its original habitat, when it ceased to be used as a quarry. It obviously has not got a license as a well to supply fish farms. What "a fen of stagnant water"

The Archeological Study submitted in Marine Harvest's appeal could be construed as deception. They repeatedly use the term "Deserted Village" when in fact one frame to the left of the picture "d" above Figure 7 there are 4-5 inhabited houses that have a view of the future salmon farm. The two story house at the top of "d" was built around 2000 and has the best view of the Shot Head salmon farm. That house is now for sale, and the builder and owner can be considered a victim of the Shot Head salmon farm, and it can be accurately referred to as deserted. How that house that towers above everything in the area was camouflaged in "d" beats my photographic abilities. In the frame below "d" is a beach which is the real " intertidal zone" which is frequented by local resident. A 70 y/o man cleans that beach and accesses same by continuing down the access path. Therefore the site is not surrounded by tall cliffs, but by an inter coastal beach on the western side, the most sheltered, secluded and scenic beach on the Beara peninsula and a life saving bail out area for small craft in distress in a sudden upsurge of the prevailing south westerly. I will submit a recent picture of the beach as attachment to a new email. It will show that the future salmon farm will block the access to this beach.This disregard for accuracy has already been noted in the EIS where a picture of the two story house, close to beach and looking out over the salmon farm had to be taken before 2009 and placed again in the 2012 EIS. The beach was not shown in the EIS despite shots in that direction. One might cynically say "maybe someone did think the place was deserted" I attest that the above information is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and submit it as further evidence that the salmon farm license T5/555 should not be granted.

Signed: John Brendan O,Keeffe

