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Chief Executive Officer
Comhlucht Iascaireachta Fanad Teoranta
t/a Marine Harvest
Kindrum
Letterkenny
Co Donegal

23rd June 2016

Re: Aquaculture Licence for the cultivation of Salmon smolts at a site at Inishfarnard, Co Cork (T5/233)

Dear Mr [REDACTED]

I am to refer to the above Aquaculture Licence for the cultivation of Salmon smolts at a site at Inishfarnard, Co Cork (T5/233). In particular, Condition No. 2(d) of the said Licence provides as follows:

“the stock of fish in the cages shall not exceed such quantity as may be specified by the Minister from time to time, the number of smolts to be stocked at the site should not in any event exceed 400,000. Licensed stocking densities are not to be exceeded and will be subject to inspection at any time by the Department of the Marine;”

The report of an inspection carried out by the Marine Engineering Division of the Department on 8th June 2015 advised that the smolt standing stock number at the date of the inspection was 503,344 smolts. This figure is significantly in excess of what is permitted under the conditions of the licence.

I am to advise you that consideration is now being given to your continuing entitlement to engage in aquaculture operations pursuant to Section 19(A)4 of the Fisheries (Amendment) Act 1997 and pending your licensing renewal application.

Accordingly, and as contemplated by Section 68(3) of the Fisheries (Amendment) Act 1997, the Minister shall consider any representations in relation to that continuing entitlement to operate within 28 days of the date of this notification.

Yours Sincerely,

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