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Department of
**Agriculture,
Food and the Marine**
An Roinn
**Talmhaíochta,
Bia agus Mara**

1st February 2018

Re: Appeal against the decision of the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to amend an existing Aquaculture Licence to Marine Harvest Ireland for the cultivation of Atlantic Salmon on site T5/233 at Inishfarnard, Co Cork.

Dear Ms O'Hara,

I am to refer to your letter of 17th January 2018 to the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, concerning a request under Section 43(1) of the Fisheries (Amendment) Act 1997 seeking documentation (your ref: AP1/2018). Your request has been referred to the Aquaculture and Foreshore Management Division for attention.

Your request is for:

- “(a) A copy of the aquaculture licence concerned and of any drawings, maps, particulars, evidence, environmental impact statement, other written study or further information received or obtained from the applicant for the licence in accordance with a requirement of or under Regulations under this Act.***
- (b) A copy of any report prepared for the Minister in relation to the application, revocation or amendment and***
- (c) A copy of any document recording the decision of the Minister in respect of the application, revocation or amendment and of the notification of the decision given to the applicant.***

Please include, as part of the above, a location map of the surrounding area to include:

- (i) Sites under application***
- (ii) Sites lapsed***
- (iii) Licensed sites***
- (iv) Sites currently under appeal (if any).”***

I now enclose the following:

1. A copy of the aquaculture licence which expired on 15th February 2007. The Department does not hold an Environmental Impact Statement on file for this licence;
2. A copy of the Department's submission to the Minister recommending revocation of the licence, as well as a copy of the Minister's decision to amend the licence, the Public Notice which was printed in the newspaper and the notice on the Department's website of the decision;
3. A copy of the Department's submission to the Minister outlining the proposed amendment and the Minister's approval of same (this is a composite submission and sections relating to another site have been redacted);
4. A copy of the letter sent to the licence holder notifying them of the amendment.

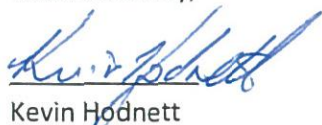
It is my understanding that your office may make the information supplied by this office available to the public on the ALAB website and in this regard you will note that a number of documents contain redacted text.

The documents referred to at No 2 above have previously been made available to a requester under the provisions of the Access to Information on the Environment Regulations 2007 – 2014. A number of redactions were made to these documents and the copies now furnished to you reflect these redactions. The documents referred to at No. 3 above make reference to another aquaculture site which is not the subject of the appeal to your office. Text relating to this site has been redacted.

I have requested a location map of the surrounding area to include sites under application, sites lapsed, licensed sites and sites currently under appeal (if any) from the Department's Marine Engineering Division and will forward this to you as soon as it is available.

I have noted the position in relation to the making of submissions or observations in accordance with Section 44(2) of the Act.

Yours Sincerely,



Kevin Hodnett

Assistant Principal

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