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From: Lennox, Graham
Sent: 09 February 2017 12:42
To: Quinlan, John; Beamish, Cecil; ODriscoll, Aidan
Cc: Hodnett, Kevin; OShea, Nicole; Kilroy, Aine
Subject: RE: inishfarnard

John,

The Minister has considered the advice on this file and on balance has concluded that a provable breach of the licence conditions did not occur. The Minister wishes to seek to avoid a similar situation occurring in the future and therefore wishes to endeavour to have the licence amended. The Minister also requests that a meeting be arranged with the company at the most senior level to set out his views to them on the matter.

Regards,

Graham

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-----Original Message-----

From: Quinlan, John
Sent: 08 February 2017 12:15
To: Lennox, Graham; Beamish, Cecil; ODriscoll, Aidan
Cc: Hodnett, Kevin; OShea, Nicole
Subject: FW: inishfarnard

Graham/Cecil/Secretary,

The Minister's decision attached refers. The next steps on this are set out in the legislation and involve:

- 1) a letter to the company setting out the decision and the reasons therefor
- 2) the publication of the notice of the decision in a newspaper circulating in the vicinity of the location of the aquaculture. There is a two week timeline on this from the date of the decision.

The above measures are binding on the Department.

A difficulty arises in that it is not entirely clear what precisely has been agreed. The SG's Submission of 30/1/17 refers to the evidence on overstocking as 'clearcut' which seems to infer an acceptance that overstocking has occurred. On the other hand the Submission points to perceived difficulties associated with smolts and with the legislation.

The Submission also points to two possible courses of action and indicates that the 'licence' should be amended if possible and also that a meeting should be sought with the company. While this element is clear, it follows on from the first element which is whether the Minister has in fact determined that overstocking has occurred.

Absolute clarity will be needed on the decision so that we know what precisely to put in the Public Notice and in the letter to the company.

Regards
John

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From: Lennox, Graham
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John,

As discussed see attached.

Graham

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