

24<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Your Refs: AP10/2018 and AP11/2018

Our Refs: See table below



Ms. Mary O'Hara  
Secretary to the Board  
Aquaculture Licences Appeals Board  
Kilminchy Court  
Dublin Road  
Portlaoise  
Co. Laois

Dear Mary

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letters to Mr. Michael Creed T.D., Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine (and copied to Mr. John Quinlan) regarding the appeals against the following Aquaculture and Foreshore licensing decisions:

ALAB References	Our References	Applicants
AP10/2018	T12/431	Mr. Charles McHugh
AP11/2018	T12/498	Mr. Barry McGuinness

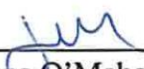
I am attaching the following documentation in respect of the appeals as requested – Application forms, Submissions to the Minister in relation to the Aquaculture Licences sought, Submissions to the Minister in relation to the Foreshore Licences sought, Notification of the Minister's decision to each applicant, Publication of the Minister's decisions in 'The Donegal Democrat' and the Notification to ALAB of the Minister's decisions.

As both appeals refer to sites in the same bay (Loughros Beg Bay in Co. Donegal) they were appropriately assessed at the same time. I am sending one copy of the Natura Screening Matrix for shellfish culture in Loughros Beg Bay and an Appropriate Assessment Screening Conclusion Statement. I am also sending one copy of the Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment Report which contains maps of the sites, the Public Notice of the Minister's decisions in 'The Donegal Democrat' and Notification to ALAB of the Minister's decisions.

The Minister recently made licensing determinations in respect of seven sites in Loughros Beg Bay including two existing sites which are not under appeal and in respect of five new licence applications for aquaculture in Loughros Beg Bay, two of which are subject to appeal and are referenced above.

Please let me know if you require anything further.

Yours sincerely

  
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