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Subject: Re T6/375A & T6/451A
Attachments: William Casey Letter 03.08.18.pdf

Hi Oisín,

Please see attached letter.

Kind regards,

William



Cromane Cross,
Killorglin,
Co. Kerry.
03.08.2018

Oisín O'Kelly
Aquaculture and Foreshore Management Division,
Department of Agriculture, Food & Marine,
National Seafood Centre,
Clogheen,
Clonakilty,
Co Cork.

Dear Oisín,

I am writing to you in relation to my aquaculture licence applications in Castlemaine harbour, T6/375A & T6451A

The most recent stage of the licensing process involved publicly publishing our applications and allowing one month for the general public to make submissions/observations. I received a letter from yourself on 16.07.2018 with all submissions/observations submitted to the department and I have the below replies to the submissions/observations

I note that my specific applications did not receive any submissions/observations from the general public. The submissions/observations by the public are in connection with the save our beach campaign which is concerned with oyster licensing in the Rossbeigh area of Castlemaine harbour. My applications are not in that area of Castlemaine harbour and I hope this will make successful granting my applications more realistic.

I note Irish Water's observation that my applications are with 10km of a primary discharge point. There is an existing aquaculture site further east of my applications in Castlemaine harbour and thus closer to this discharge point and I hope the department will consider this when evaluating my applications.

I note the Marine Institutes observation that T6/375A is not located within a designated Shellfish Growing area but again there is existing aquaculture sites outside the boundaries of the designated Shellfish Growing area in Castlemaine harbour and I hope the department will consider this when evaluating my applications.

I note the letters from local fishermen in the Castlemaine harbour area and their concerns over the licencing process and over fishing. I share those concerns and I believe this licencing process will address those concerns and protect the harbour from over fishing.

I would also like to add the following to my application:

I understand the department cannot realistically grant the amount of aquaculture licences applied for within Castlemaine harbour, but I hope they take fair reasonable approach and consider the views and aspirations of all parties.

I applied for T6/375A in 2013 and in the time passed I have got three separate questions put to the Minster for Agriculture, Food and Marine by TD regarding licencing of the site. I have also contacted the department directly myself on other occasions.


Granting of an Aquaculture licence would mean a sustaining future for me and my family. I recently became a father and I hope I can raise my child in the beautify country side as I was. It would allow me to stay in my local area where otherwise job prospects are not great.

My family have been involved in fishing in Castlemaine harbour and further a field for generation and I hope I can continue this trend. I have a licenced boat and can access the necessary equipment needed to operate my proposed site.

I hope the department will take all the above into consideration when evaluating my aquaculture applications. I am willing to work with the department on any adjustments to my applications if any adjustments would aid the granting process.

If you have any questions on the above or my applications in general, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Your faithfully,



William Casey

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