

Cromane Lower
Killorglin
Co. Kerry
6th January 2020

Your Ref: AP44/18
Site Ref: T06/466

A Chara,

In your letter dated 9/12/2019, you invited me to make submissions or observations to the attached third-party submissions to ALAB.

The following are my observations and submissions where I address three main areas.

Employment:

The production of oysters creates significant employment: the transport company, the making of the trestles, the buying of bags and other equipment, the maintenance of tractors, tele-ports, boat engines and jeeps, the purchase of petrol and diesel, the people working on the oyster site, turning and grading, accountants and office staff.

Damage to the water and environment:

There is a health certificate from the Marine Institute with all seed that is imported. There is no scientific evidence to show that a totally natural activity like oyster growing has an adverse effect on water purity or on the climate. The purity of the water is not a problem in any bay where oysters are growing. The Department veterinary inspector Bernadet Ryle visits the sites regularly and her reports are available to read.

I maintain my current oyster sites very well. I do not leave any plastics, metal or other debris lying around. There are no odours from my sites. I have lived in this area all my life. I understand the work. I respect the environment and would never undertake a project that would damage it in any way.

Recreational Activities:

The oyster site is nowhere near where recreational activities take place. Most of the site is hidden beside a cliff. No recreational activities take place there. It would not block the entrance to the estuary so it would not interfere with the trout or salmon. There are oysters being grown in many estuaries.

I hope that this will address and allay the concerns which people have. I hope my appeal will be successful and I will be able to work on this site as soon as possible.

Mise le meas
Gerard O'Reilly