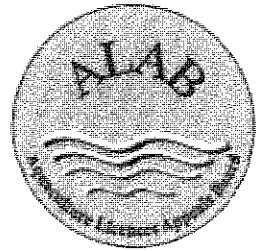


**An Bord Achomharc Um Cheadúnais Dobharshaothraithe  
Aquaculture Licences Appeals Board**



Mr Michael Creed TD  
Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine  
Agriculture House  
Kildare Street  
Dublin 2

27 March 2019

Our Ref: AP47/2018  
Site Ref: T12/203

**Re: Appeal against the decision of the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to grant a licence variation on Aquaculture and Foreshore Licences to North West Shellfish Ltd, Upper Carrick, Carrigart, Letterkenny, Co Donegal Site Ref T12/203E for the cultivation of scallops on a site in Mulroy Bay, Co Donegal**

Dear Minister

I refer to the above Appeal which was received on 29 November 2018.


Section 56(2)(a) of the Fisheries (Amendment) Act 1997 requires that the Board endeavour to determine an Appeal within a period of four months beginning on the date of receipt by the Board of the Notice of Appeal. The Aquaculture Licences Appeals Board reviewed this timescale at its meeting on 26 March last and has formed the view it will not be in position to determine this Appeal by that date, due to the complexity of the matters which require to be determined as part of the Appeal.

Accordingly the Board hereby gives notice, as provided for in Section 56(3) of the Fisheries (Amendment) Act 1997, that this Appeal will not be determined by 28 March 2019 for the reason specified above. It is the intention of the Board that the Appeal will be determined by 31 December 2019.

The Board has not yet determined whether to accede to the request for an oral hearing. I shall be in touch with you further once the Board has determined whether or not an oral hearing is required

This notice is being copied to all parties to the Appeal.

Yours sincerely

  
Mary O'Hara  
Secretary to the Board