



6<sup>th</sup> December, 2019

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

**Your Ref: AP24/2019**

**Our Ref: T12/397 A, B & C**

Dear Mary

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter to Mr. Michael Creed T.D., Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine (and copied to Mr. John Quinlan) regarding the appeal against the decision to refuse Aquaculture and Foreshore Licences to Donegal Oceandeeep Oysters Ltd in relation to the above file.

I am attaching the following documentation in respect of the appeal as requested:-

1. Submission to the Minister which includes:
  - The Application Form and all reports received in relation to the application;
  - Submissions from Statutory Consultees.
2. Notification of the Minister's decision to the applicant.
3. A location map of the surrounding area including:
  - (i) Sites under application,
  - (ii) Sites lapsed,
  - (iii) Licensed sites,
  - (iv) Sites currently under appeal.

Please see below the hyperlink to the Department's website where the West of Ardara/Maas Road Appropriate Assessment Report can be viewed which covers the proposed aquaculture activities in Loughros Mór Bay (the document is large for transmission by email).



- The [Appropriate Assessment for the West of Ardara/Maas Road SAC](#) (pdf 2,967Kb) addresses the potential ecological impacts of aquaculture activities within Loughros Mór Bay and Gweebarra Bay on the Conservation Objectives of the Natura 2000 site.

If you require anything further please let me know.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Evan Kelleher'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

**Evan Kelleher**  
*Executive Officer*  
*Aquaculture & Foreshore Management Division*