

Aquaculture Licences Appeals Board,
Kilminchy Court,
Dublin Road,
Portlaoise,
Co. Laois

22nd February 2020

Site Ref: T12/530

Re: Appeal against the decision of the Minister for Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, to grant aquaculture and foreshore licences for the cultivation of Pacific oysters using bags and trestles on the intertidal and/or subtidal foreshore at site ref T12/530 in Trawbreaga Bay, Co. Donegal.

To whom it may concern,

I, as licensee of the above-named site in Trawbreaga Bay, Co. Donegal, would like to provide an observation on the appeal against the granting of my licence by Crocknagee Oysters Ltd (Dec 2019).

The appeal by Crocknagee Oysters Ltd against the aforementioned licence in Trawbreaga Bay rests on the fact that their appeals (on the basis of reduction of site size) aren't being dealt with. It should be noted that most farmers in the bay have had their site size reduced, myself included, and also applications in the past to approximately 1 hectare and have respected these reductions. I had my site reduced from 0.9 hectares to 0.65 hectares and I am happy to abide by the regulations.

This appears to be an issue between Crocknagee Oysters Ltd and the Aquaculture Licences Appeals Board and/or the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, and I trust that this will not further delay the issuing of my licence.

Yours faithfully,

John Friel



