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Site Refs: T05/432A, T05/432B, T05/432C and T05/432D

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**FISHERIES (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1997 (NO. 23)  
NOTICE OF MINISTERIAL DECISIONS TO GRANT A VARIATION OF  
AQUACULTURE AND FORESHORE LICENCES AND GRANT / NOT GRANT LICENCE REVIEWS**

Dear Sir,

I wish to inform you that the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine has approved the granting to your client, Crookhaven Fishermen's Association Ltd. of four 10-year Aquaculture Licences and accompanying Foreshore Licences with Variations in relation to Sites T05/432A, T05/432B and T05/432C, and T05/432D (see attached information notes). I enclose a copy of the Public Notice of the decisions which the Department has arranged to have published in "The Southern Star".

Any person aggrieved by a licensing decision may, in accordance with Section 41 of the Fisheries (Amendment) Act 1997, appeal against it in writing to the Aquaculture Licences Appeals Board. An appeal must be lodged within one month beginning on the date of the publication of the decision.

In addition, a person may question the validity of a Foreshore Licensing determination by way of an application for judicial review, under Order 84 of the Rules of the Superior Court (SI No. 15 of 1986). Practical information on the review mechanism can be obtained from the Citizens Information Board at: <http://www.citizensinformationboard.ie/>

The Licences will be issued to your client as soon as possible after the end of the period of one month from the date of publication of the notice in "The Southern Star", if there are no appeals.

Please also find enclosed the conditions that will apply to the Aquaculture Licences that may be issued by the Minister.

Yours sincerely

**Bernie Mc Donald**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bernie Mc Donald", is written over a horizontal line.

Aquaculture and Foreshore Management Division

**S.12 (3) OF THE FISHERIES (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1997 (NO.23)  
INFORMATION NOTE TO APPLICANT FOR THE PURPOSE OF REGULATION 18  
OF THE AQUACULTURE (LICENCE APPLICATION) REGULATIONS 1998**

**REFERENCE NO'S:** T05/432 B and C

**APPLICANT:** Crookhaven Fishermen's Association Ltd.

**AQUACULTURE TO WHICH  
DECISIONS RELATE:**

To cultivate Scallops using cages on the seabed and reviews to add the cultivation of native Green, Brown and Red Seaweeds using floating longlines on two sites numbered T05/432B (6.0647 ha) and T05/432C (14.4895 ha), totalling 20.5542 ha on the subtidal foreshore in Crookhaven Harbour, Co. Cork.

**NATURE OF DECISIONS:** Grant Variation of Aquaculture Licences

**REASONS FOR VARIATIONS:**

*The Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine has determined that it is in the public interest to grant a variation of the Aquaculture Licence renewals and reviews sought and associated Foreshore Licences for these sites i.e. only Scallops seeded onto the seabed without any structures will be permitted. The proposed floating Seaweed longline structures, as applied for in the reviews, are not being permitted due to potential impacts on navigation and safe access into Crookhaven Harbour, the existing beneficial usages of this area and visual amenity in an area renowned for its unspoilt views and natural landscape.*

**DATE OF DECISIONS:** 26<sup>th</sup> November 2019

**CONDITIONS OF LICENCES:** See attached

**DURATION OF LICENCES:** 10 years

**ISSUE OF LICENCES:** The licences will be dated and issued as soon as practicable after the end of the period of one month from the date of publication of a notice in a newspaper circulating in the vicinity of the aquaculture, if no appeal is made to the Aquaculture Licences Appeals Board within that period, under Section 40 and 41 of the Fisheries (Amendment) Act, 1997.

**Note:** It has been decided to grant the applicant separate Foreshore Licences under the Foreshore Act, 1933 (No.12), contemporaneous with the Aquaculture Licences, subject to standard conditions applicable to Foreshore Licences.