

Independent Review of Aquaculture Licensing

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A Cairde,

I am pleased to note that a Review Group has been established to examine the issue of Aquaculture Licensing.

I hope you will take in to consideration the many submissions from the local population in the areas of Keadue and Cruit Island in Donegal and the distress caused by applications to establish Oyster Farms in this area of exceptional scenic beauty, which is dependant on the Tourist Industry. This Industry would be wiped out overnight if our beaches were to be used for Oyster Farming.

I note that your group is to consult with all stakeholders and I hope that this includes the local population in all areas where Aquaculture Licensees are applied for and that their views will be given full consideration.

I believe that the views of the local people should take precedence over all other considerations.

Kathleen Gollge

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