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For Deirdre Morgan

Dear Sirs, Madam,

The main/critical change that is required for Aquaculture licences is that **renewal of existing** takes place as it did in the 1999 to 2002 renewal period.

If they were ok then they still are now.

Concerns in relation to licences for fin fish were dealt with in the past by the introduction of 'Protocols for the environment, for cage lighting and for sea lice in the main.

These appear to have been forgotten or not relied upon anymore (except for sea lice !)

Yet as an industry we continue to maintain the monitoring programs, for what.

In our own case a brief summary of our licences is as follows:

Mannin Bay, licence issued 1988, renewed up to 2009, nothing since

Bertragbuoi Outer issued 1990, renewed 2000, nothing since.

Bertragbuoi Bay issued 1991, renewed 2001, converted to a 'cod licence', 2011, application to re convert to salmon 2014, reply that 'it must renew as a 'cod licence' first, nothing since.

Bertragbuoi Bay Sealax site, issued 1989, renewed 1999, nothing since.

Clifden Bay, issued 1990, renewed 2001/2, nothing since.

### **Licence fees**

We last received invoices in respect of the licences fees for each of the locations in 2011.

Its a long time since 'fair rent, free sale and fixity of tenure' were the 'catch words'. We have none of these.

It is obvious and essential that something drastic needs to be done for the Aquaculture industry in Ireland.

In 2016 our turnover was more than €10m, most exported, this from a location that has no other industry other than for tourist support.

I have been working in this industry since 1980 and am now 60 years of age and would like to plan to retire but a 'gaping shortfall' in our business when meeting with prospective buyers (that would invest and grow it further) is the absence of an up to date licences. !

Yours sincerely

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