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To whom it concerns,

I'm writing tell you what I think is wrong with current aquaculture licensing (for oyster, other shellfish and salmon farming).

1. Every application should have an Environmental Impact Statement, this to me is an obvious step that would be mandatory in the process for applying for a licence, why it is currently not mandatory is quite unbelievable, consideration the process in this county for other planning processes.
2. There should be better public notification and public consultation. These farms will have a major impact on the lives of the people living in the areas, the fact that the place where they swim, walk, horse-ride, kayak and much more will suddenly be destroyed and be unaccessible is something that the public are entitled to know about and have their say. These strands have been publicly used for over 100 years, access to them should not be taken away overnight, but someone sitting in an office who has never visited the place.
3. Donegal has been voted the coolest place on the planet!! among other awards lately, tourism has never been as good in the county and a lot of time and money has been spent in every area of the county to encourage people to come and visit.
Donegal is Ireland's hidden treasure, known for it's natural beauty.

The cost of Tourism should be taken into account and what it does for the local community Versus an oyster farm that will employ 1 or at a push 2 (seasonal workers).

I hope that you take my points into consideration whit your review process.

Regards

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