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Dear Sir or Madam,

I would like to register my disappointment at the lack of public consultation in the matter of oyster farm licensing in Donegal. Technically the government may have complied with its present announcement requirements, however the announcements that were posted in the Donegal Democrat, and posted on Garda office doors is not sufficient to inform the general public. I have seen the plans for the whole Wild Atlantic Way coastline beaches where all that is required is for a person to submit an application, for an oyster or mussel farm, and it will be granted without the public realizing what has happened until after the event. This is not democracy. The communities involved must be given the opportunity to challenge these applications in an open forum.

Thank You,  
Patrick McNelis.