

Geraldine Hayes

✓ Pat Corcoran *13/8*

John Quinlan *order*

Runal Aire *approved 29/08*

Application for the renewal of a Foreshore Licence to harvest Seaweed

Approval Sought

The approval of the Marine Minister is sought for the renewal of a one year Foreshore Licence under Section 3(3) of the Foreshore Act, 1933 granted to Mr Frank Melvin, Carraig Fhada Seaweed, Rathlee, Easkey, Co Sligo on 28 March 2003 for the purpose of harvesting seaweed from the foreshore between Aughris Head and the townland of Kilglass, Co Sligo.

Consideration of the Application

Mr Melvin's application for renewal of the Licence, which attached a map showing the area of foreshore involved and a schedule giving details of species and quantities of seaweed to be harvested, was examined and cleared by the Marine Institute and the Heritage and Planning Division of the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government. Map and schedule referred to above is attached.

Draft Foreshore Licence

A draft of the proposed Licence is attached.

Licence Fee

Mr Melvin forwarded a cheque for the standard fee of [redacted] with his application.

Basis for Recommendation

This is an application for the annual renewal of a Licence to facilitate seaweed harvesting at the location specified. The species of seaweed to be harvested are commonly found and the tonnage required will not adversely affect the species in any way.

It is also recommended to issue a retrospective one year licence valid from 28th March, 2006. An application, accompanied by appropriate fee, was submitted for same but the licence inadvertently didn't issue. This didn't impinge on his harvesting activities.

Séamus O'Scannail
Coastal Zone Management Division
10th August, 2007.