

T05-546A, T05-546B and T05-546C Determination of Aquaculture Foreshore Application (New)

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Determination of Aquaculture/ Foreshore Licensing application – T05/546A, T05/546B and T05/546C

Killian Tighe has applied for authorisation to cultivate oysters using bags and trestles on the inter-tidal foreshore on 3 sites totalling 7.9044 hectares on the foreshore in Cork Harbour, Co. Cork.

The Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine has determined that it is not in the public interest to grant the licences sought. In making his determination the Minister considered those matters which by virtue of the Fisheries (Amendment) Act 1997, and other relevant legislation, he was required to have regard. Such matters include any submissions and observations received in accordance with the statutory provisions. The following are the reasons and considerations for the Minister's determination to refuse the licences sought: -

- The Visual Impact Assessment carried out in respect of sites T05/546A and T05/546C found that the landscape and visual impacts of the application are of substantial impact significance and refusal was recommended.
- The potential for Site T05/546B to significantly negatively impact on a public amenity, namely Corkbeg Strand.
- The concerns expressed by Fáilte Ireland regarding the effect on the surrounding environment and visual amenities of the area, on other marine users, on leisure activities particularly due to accessibility issues, and its proximity to Spike Island, a national monument and tourist attraction.