

The Minister has decided that it is in the public interest to issue a licence to Michael O'Shea, T/a Lucey and Sons, Cliff Road, Waterville, Co. Kerry for the following reasons:

This consideration is set out below:

- (a) the suitability of the place or waters

*There were no objections to the proposal from a technical perspective. The site is located in an existing shed and hard standing area to the rear of an existing residential property owned by the applicant in Waterville, Co. Kerry.*

- (b) other beneficial uses of the waters concerned

*Public access to recreational and other activities is not applicable as the site is located on private lands owned by the applicant.*

- (c) the particular statutory status of the waters

*The site is located c100m from Ballinskellings Bay and Inny Estuary SAC (Site code 000335) c2.3Km for the nearest boundary of the Killarney National Park, Macgillicuddy's Reeks and Caragh River Catchment SAC (Site Code 000365) and c5.4Km from the nearest boundary of Iveragh Peninsula SPA. (Site Code 004154).*

- (d) the likely effects on the economy of the area

*The project should have no adverse effect on the economy of the area. The project will provide 1 part time job from the start and 1 full time job by year 4.*

- (e) The likely ecological effects on wild fisheries, natural habitats, flora and fauna

*This is an inland development in a previously undeveloped area; the proposed aquaculture is not likely to have significant effects on the environment.*

- (f) the effect on the environment generally

*(i) The Minister has already determined that an Environmental Impact Statement is not required for this project.*

*(ii) Marine Engineering Division, The Marine Institute, Department of Housing Local Government and Heritage and Irish Water have no objections to this application.*

*(iii) The site is not located within an area designated under the Habitats Directive.*