

"Determination of Foreshore Licensing application – T11/25/1

Atlantic Clams Ireland Ltd has applied for a foreshore licence to facilitate the cultivation Clams in nursery trays and under nets and Pacific Oysters using bags and trestles on the inter-tidal foreshore on a 10.5157 hectare site (T11/25A) in Drumcliff Bay, Co. Sligo. The Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine has determined that it is in the public interest to grant the licence sought. In making his determination the Minister considered those matters which by virtue of the Foreshore Act 1933, and other relevant legislation, he was required to have regard. Such matters include any submissions and observations received from the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage (DHLGH) in accordance with subsection (1B) of Section 3 of the Foreshore Act, 1933.

Reasons for Decision:

- Section 82 of the Fisheries (Amendment) Act, 1997 stipulates that the Minister, in considering an application for a licence under the Foreshore Acts, which is sought in connection with the carrying on of aquaculture pursuant to an Aquaculture Licence, shall have regard to any decision of the licensing authority in relation to the Aquaculture Licence.
- An aquaculture licence has been granted reducing the footprint of the site from 10.89 ha to 10.5157 ha. This is to ensure a 30m corridor is provided outside the site boundaries for seals to access the breeding area inshore of the site.