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Date: 24/02/2014

Name/Role: Damian Melvin / Constituent

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A3 Location Map.pdf Further Information Feb 2014.pdf Cover Letter Feb 2014.pdf From: "CARRAIG FHADA SEAWEED" <info@carraigfhada.com>

To: Tony.McLouoghlin@Oireachtas.ie>

Date: 24/02/2014 13:08

Subject: Re: Representation for Damian Melvin, "Seeweed Harvesting Licence"

# Dear Tony

Please find attached information.

The information is in addition to the Licence Application of last year. If you need any further information, please contact me.

Thanks in advance.

Can you confirm receipt of this please.

Regards, Damian Melvin.

Carraig Fhada Seaweed Rathlee, Easkey, Co Sligo, Ireland.

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Member's name: Tony McLoughlin Created by: Marianna Little

# Communication Record New communication

Date: 25/02/2014

Name/Role: Damian Melvin / Constituent

Direction: Inbound
Medium: E-Mail

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# Details:

From: "Damian Melvin" <damian@carraigfhada.com>
To: "Marianna Little" <Marianna.Little@Oireachtas.ie>

Date: 25/02/2014 08:44

Subject: Re: Representation for Damian Melvin, "Seeweed Harvesting Licence"

# Hi Marianna

I have not submitted this information to the department. Tony said he would be in a position to do it on my behalf.

**Thanks** 

Regards, Damian Melvin.

Carraig Fhada Seaweed Rathlee, Easkey, Co Sligo, Ireland.

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Foreshore Section, DECLG, Newtown Road, Wexford.

24<sup>th</sup> February 2014.

Dear Sir,

Please find Further Information attached to aid my application for the Renewal of a Foreshore Seaweed Harvesting Licence.

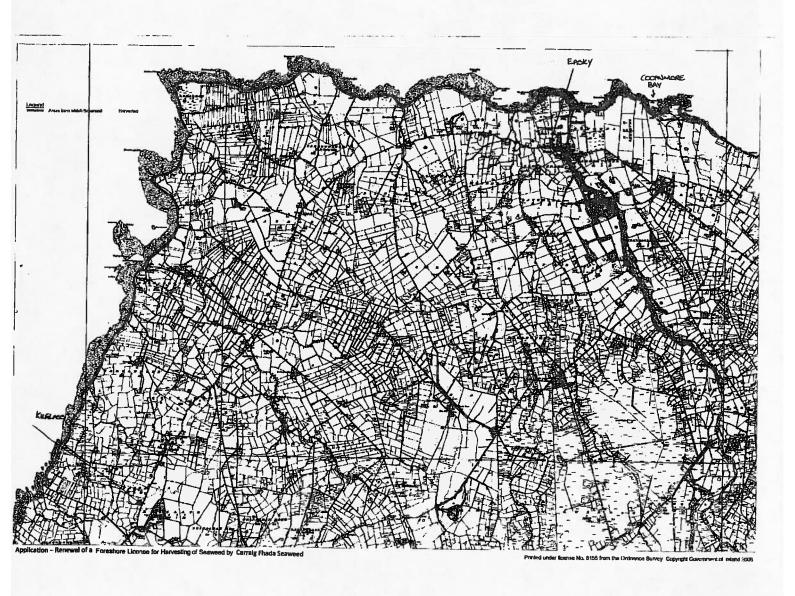
Can you please confirm you have received this information.

Yours sincerely,

Damian Melvin.







# Further Information – Renewal of Foreshore Licence Carraig Fhada Seaweed

This information is provided in addition to the Application for the Renewal of a Seaweed Harvesting Licence lodged with the Foreshore Section, DECLG on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2013.

# Methodology

Previously provided in additional information June 2013

# **Mapping**

New A3 map provided showing location.

# Sustainability

**Estimated Biomass** 

Based on local knowledge an estimate of the following species was determined along the 15km foreshore from Kilglass to Cooanmore Bay.

Species	Tonnes
Laminaria saccharina	200,000
Laminaria digitata	1,000,000
Alaria esculenta	200,000
Himanthalia elongata	500,000
Fucus serratus	1,000,000
Rhodymenia palmata	10,000
Chondus crispus	10,000
Gigartina stellata	10,000
Ulva lactuca	5,000

# **Harvesting Scheme**

Harvesting will only take place during 2/3 days each side of a spring tide for all species except Fucus serratus. Fucus serratus is the only species which can be harvested at neap tides.

A harvesting schedule will be adhered to ensuring non-linear harvesting.

# Frequency of Collection

As the frequency of collection is determined by demand, an annual schedule was provided to outline the maximum volume to be harvested in one calendar year. Traditionally most seaweed is harvested during the summer months as the weather is more favourable.

#### Record keeping

A record of all harvesting will be maintained in accordance with the spreadsheets provided by the foreshore section.

# Monitoring

All harvesting locations will be monitored by Carraig Fhada Seaweed on a monthly and yearly basis to ensure full re-growth of each species. As there is no other commercial seaweed harvesting licence in the area (source: Matthew McLoughlin, Foreshore Section), no overharvesting can take place.

#### **Additional Information**

The Melvin Family who established Carraig Fhada Seaweed 30 years ago, have for generations harvested seaweed from the foreshore in a sustainable manner. We sought and received the first licence for the commercial harvesting of seaweed almost 20 years ago and to this day continue to harvest sustainably in the same locations.

Without the appropriate management of the foreshore as a resource, this business would not be in a position to continue in its present guise so it is in our interest to protect this resource. We as a business have demonstrated that we have managed the seaweed resource in a suitable way and will continue to do this in future.