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From: "CARRAIG FHADA SEAWEED" <info@carraigfhada.com>

To: Tony.McLoughlin@Oireachtas.ie>

Date: 24/02/2014 13:08

Subject: Re: Representation for Damian Melvin, "Seaweed 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.

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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, "Seaweed 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.

24th 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.



Application - Renewal of a Foreshore License for Harvesting of Seaweed by Carrig Fhada Seaweed

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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 21st 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 Coanmore Bay.

<i>Species</i>	<i>Tonnes</i>
<i>Laminaria saccharina</i>	200,000
<i>Laminaria digitata</i>	1,000,000
<i>Alaria esculenta</i>	200,000
<i>Himanthalia elongata</i>	500,000
<i>Fucus serratus</i>	1,000,000
<i>Rhodomenia palmata</i>	10,000
<i>Chondus crispus</i>	10,000
<i>Gigartina stellata</i>	10,000
<i>Ulva lactuca</i>	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.