

"Determination of Aquaculture/ Foreshore Licensing application –T05/532A

Mr Donagh O'Connor, Droum West, Castletownbere, Co. Cork has applied for authorisation to cultivate mussels using longlines on the sub-tidal foreshore on a 13.92 ha site (T05/532A) at Donegan's Point, Berehaven Sound, Bantry Bay, 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. *In particular, the Minister had regard to the findings of the Harbour Master's letter regarding the negative impact on navigational safety in the area.* The following is the reason and consideration for the Minister's determination to refuse the licence sought:

- The negative impact on navigational safety in the area."