PUBLIC NOTICE

Invitation for Public Submissions or Observations on Applications for Aquaculture Licences and Foreshore Licences.

Emerald Mussels Limited, 12 Fitzwilliam Place, Dublin 2 has applied to the Minister of State at the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine for Aquaculture Licences under Section 10 of the Fisheries (Amendment) Act 1997, as amended, to cultivate Blue Mussels (Mytilus edulis) using longlines on two areas of foreshore in the Irish Sea, Co. Wicklow (details in the table below).

The applicant also applied for Foreshore Licences under the Foreshore Act 1933, as amended, for the areas of foreshore to be used for these aquaculture activities.

Site Reference No.	Location
T32-1012	In the Irish Sea approx. 3km east of Arklow Head, Co. Wicklow
T32-1013	In the Irish Sea Approx 8km east of Arklow Head, Co. Wicklow

Public Consultation – Aquaculture Licences and Foreshore Licences

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Regulation 8 of SI 236/1998 – Aquaculture (Licence Application) Regulations, as amended, that the applicant applied for Aquaculture Licences under the Fisheries (Amendment) Act 1997.

The applicant applied for Foreshore Licences under the Foreshore Act 1933, as amended.

In this regard, public submissions or observations are invited on the proposed applications.

In accordance with Regulation 42(7) of the EC (Birds and Natural habitats) Regulations 2011, SI 477, as amended, the Minister of State at the Department of Agriculture Food & the Marine has made determinations, in relation to each project, following screening that an Appropriate Assessment is not required as the projects individually or in-combination with other plans or projects is not likely to have a significant effect on any European sites. The risk of likely significant effects on European sites can be excluded on the basis of objective evidence.

Timeframes for Submissions or Observations and Access to Information

Members of the public who wish to make a public submission or observation in writing concerning the proposed Aquaculture and Foreshore applications, may do so within 30 days between **23 September 2026** and **22 October 2026**.

A copy of the applications, maps, the Screening for Appropriate Assessment Determinations, and other relevant documentation will be available for inspection between the above dates free of charge at:

- Arklow Garda Station – Open 24 Hours.

and on the Department's website at:

https://www.gov.ie/en/aquaculture-licence/?county=WICKLOW

All public submissions or observations (quoting relevant reference no. as per the table above) can be addressed to the Minister of State at the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Aquaculture and Foreshore Management Division, National Seafood Centre, Clogheen, Clonakilty, Co. Cork, P85 TX47 or apc@agriculture.gov.ie

All submissions or observations must be received on or before the closing date.

Under SI 236/1998 – Aquaculture (Licence Application) Regulations, a valid submission must contain the name and address of the person making the submission.

All valid public submissions or observations relating to the Aquaculture and Foreshore applications will be made available to the applicant for comment.

All public submissions or observations will be published on the Department's website.

All submissions or observations received will be subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act (FOI), Access to Information on the Environment (AIE) and Data Protection legislation. Further information is available at the link to the applications above.