PUBLIC NOTICE

Invitation for Public Submissions or Observations on an Application for an Aquaculture Licence and a Foreshore Licence.

Wicklow Seaweed Company Ltd, 30 Marian Villas, Arklow, Co. Wicklow has applied to the Minister of State at the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine for an Aquaculture Licence under Section 10 of the Fisheries (Amendment) Act 1997, as amended, to cultivate Irish Wakame (*Alaria esculenta*), Northern European kelp (Digitata) (*Laminaria digitata*), Dulse (*Palmaria palmata*), Sugar kelp (*Saccharina latissima*), Sea thong (*Himanthalia elongata*), Nori (*Porphyra umbilicalis*), Harpoon weed (*Asparagopsis armata*) using longlines, on an area of foreshore at Arklow, Co. Wicklow (details in the table below).

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

Site Reference No.	Location
T32-028A	North of Arklow Harbour off the coast of Wicklow in the Irish Sea

Public Consultation – Aquaculture Licence and Foreshore Licence

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

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

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

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 a determination, in relation to this project, following screening that an Appropriate Assessment is not required as the project 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 application, may do so within 30 days between **23 September 2026** and **22 October 2026**.

A copy of the application, maps, the Screening for Appropriate Assessment Determination, 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 reference T32-028A) 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 application 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 application above.