APPROPRIATE ASSESSMENT SCREENING DETERMINATION

Screening Determination for Appropriate Assessment

Project Reference: T09-127

Applicant: Ardbear Salmon Ltd., Drinagh, Errislannan, Clifden, Co. Galway.

Site Location: Clifden Bay, Co. Galway.

In accordance with Article 6(3) of the EU Habitats Directive (Directive 92/43/EEC) and Regulation 42(1) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 as amended ('The Regulations'), the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine has undertaken Screening for Appropriate Assessment (AA) to assess, in view of best scientific knowledge and the conservation objectives of relevant European sites, if the proposed project at Clifden Bay, Co. Galway, individually or in combination with other plans or projects would be likely to have a significant effect on a European site.

In accordance with Article 6(3) of the EU Habitats Directive (Directive 92/43/EEC) and Regulation 42(6) of the EC (Birds and Natural habitats) Regulations 2011, as amended, the Minister of State at the Department of Agriculture Food & the Marine has determined following screening that an Appropriate Assessment is required as the project individually or in combination with other plans or projects is likely to have a significant effect on European sites. The risk of likely significant effects on European sites cannot be excluded on the basis of objective evidence. This determination is based on the location, scale, extent and duration of the proposed project and has not taken account of measures intended to avoid or reduce significant effects on European sites.

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Minister of State at the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine

Date: 14/05/20