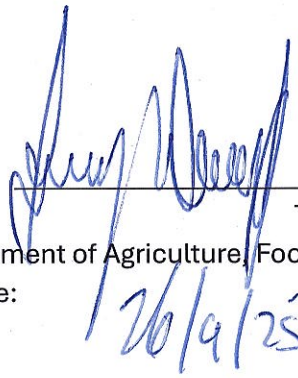
Determination for Appropriate Assessment

Project Reference:
T10/028C, North Mayo Oyster Development Co-op Society Ltd, Aquaculture & Foreshore Licence application for the cultivation of Native Oysters at Blacksod Bay, Co. Mayo.

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 for Agriculture, Food and the Marine made a determination following screening that an Appropriate Assessment was required as the project, individually or in combination with other plans or projects, is likely to have a significant effect on the integrity of European sites, in view of the site conservation objectives.

The potential impacts have been assessed and it has been objectively concluded following best available information, objective criteria, best scientific knowledge and expert judgement as well as the application of appropriate mitigation measures, that the proposed extensive aquaculture site **will not** pose a risk of adversely affecting (either directly or indirectly) the integrity of Natura sites, either alone or in-combination with other plans and projects.

In accordance with Regulation 42(11) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 SI 477 as amended, the Minister of State at the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine determines that the proposed project, either alone or in-combination with other projects, **will not** adversely affect the integrity of any European Site.



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