PUBLIC NOTICE

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

The applicant listed in the table below applied to the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine for Aquaculture Licenses under Section 10 of the Fisheries (Amendment) Act 1997 to cultivate Native Flat Oysters at Blacksod Bay, Belmullet, Co. Mayo.

The same applicant has applied for Foreshore Licences under Section 3 of the Foreshore Act 1933, as amended, for the areas of foreshore to be used for these aquaculture activities.

Site Reference No.	Applicant	Location
T10/028A	North Mayo Oyster Development Co-Operative Society Ltd Tallagh, Belmullet, Co. Mayo	Blacksod Bay, Belmullet, Co. Mayo. Blacksod Bay is bounded on its western side by the Mullet Peninsula.
T10/028B	North Mayo Oyster Development Co-Operative Society Ltd Tallagh, Belmullet, Co. Mayo	Blacksod Bay, Belmullet, Co. Mayo. Blacksod Bay is bounded on its western side by the Mullet Peninsula.
T10/028C	North Mayo Oyster Development Co-Operative Society Ltd Tallagh, Belmullet, Co. Mayo	Blacksod Bay, Belmullet, Co. Mayo. Blacksod Bay is bounded on its western side by the Mullet Peninsula.

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 listed in the above table has applied for Aquaculture Licences under the Fisheries (Amendment) Act 1997.

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

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

Invitation for Public Submissions or Observations on Appropriate Assessment

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Regulation 42 of SI 477/2011 – European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011, as amended, that the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine in considering applications for Aquaculture Licences under the Fisheries (Amendment) Act 1997 and applications for Foreshore Licences under the Foreshore Act 1933, as amended, has determined that an Appropriate Assessment is required as the plans or projects are not directly connected with or necessary to the management of the site as a European Site and it cannot be excluded, on the basis of objective scientific information following screening under the Regulation, that the plan or project, individually or in combination with other plans or projects, will have a significant effect on a European site.

A copy of the Screening for Appropriate Assessment determination is available at:

gov - Aquaculture and Foreshore Applications and Licences (www.gov.ie)

In considering these matters, the Minister had regard to the following:

1. Each application for an Aquaculture Licence and a Foreshore Licence.
2. The Screening for Appropriate Assessment Report

The Minister will make individual determinations as to whether or not each of the proposed projects will adversely affect the integrity of a European site in accordance with Regulation 42(11) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011, as amended, and, in doing so, shall have regard to the matters in Regulation 42(12).

Timeframes for Submissions or Observations and Access to Information

Members of the public who wish to make a submission or observation in writing concerning the proposed Aquaculture and Foreshore applications or concerning the Appropriate Assessment, may do so within 30 days between 14th May 2024 and 12th June 2024.

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

- Belmullet Garda Station – Open 24 Hours.

and on the Department's website at:

gov - Aquaculture and Foreshore Applications and Licences (www.gov.ie)

All public submissions or observations (quoting reference T10/028A, T10/028B or T10/028C) can be addressed to the Minister for 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 or observation 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.