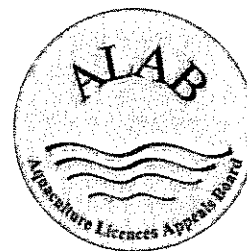


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Letterkenny,
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22 December 2016

Our Ref: AP2/ 1-14/2015
Site Ref: T05/555

Re: Appeal against the decision by the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to grant Aquaculture and Foreshore Licences to Bradán Fanad Teo t/a Marine Harvest Ireland, Kindrum, Fanad, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal on site Ref: T05/555 for the cultivation of Atlantic Salmon; *Salmo Salar* on a site on the foreshore at Shot Head, Bantry Bay, Co Cork

To whom it concerns,

I refer to my letter of 6 October 2016 whereby the Board had requested clarification in relation to the location of well boat discharges, the site-suitability of the proposed cage and mooring system, the use of emamectin benzoate, the impact on benthic habitats and species and the possible presence of salmonids and pearl mussel in the Dromagowlane/Trafrask River.

Your reply of email of 3 November in this regard is acknowledged.

I wish to advise that the Aquaculture Licences Appeals Board (hereafter the Board) has decided, pursuant to section 49 of the Fisheries (Amendment) Act 1997 (as amended), to conduct an oral hearing of the appeals comprised in AP2/ 1-14/2015 against the decision of the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to grant Aquaculture and Foreshore Licences to Bradán Fanad Teo t/a Marine Harvest Ireland, Kindrum, Fanad, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal on site Ref: T05/555 for the cultivation of Atlantic Salmon; *Salmo Salar* on a site on the foreshore at Shot Head, Bantry Bay, Co Cork.


The reason for the Oral Hearing is to seek to establish clarity on the following points:

1. The nature of and the risks to salmonids in the Dromagowlane/Trafrask River;
2. The associated impact on the pearl water mussel ; and
3. The robustness of the Applicant's Integrated Pest Management Plan /Single Bay Management Plan dated 26.10.2016

It is anticipated that the oral hearing will take place in mid-February 2017 in Bantry. Details will be confirmed as soon as they are to hand and a formal notice of the Oral Hearing will issue at that time. The purpose of this letter to provide as much advance notice as possible of the Board's decision. The Oral hearing will be chaired by ALAB board member Owen McIntyre on behalf of the Board. The Board has approved Guidelines for Oral Hearings and a copy of the Guidelines is attached for reference.

All relevant documentation submitted to the Board in relation to the appeal is available for inspection by prior appointment at the offices of the Board at Kilminchy Court, Portlaoise, Co. Laois, from the date hereof. In addition, this documentation will also be available for inspection at the oral hearing for its duration. Please note that the Board's Technical Advisors Reports are available for inspection on the website www.alab.ie

Yours sincerely,



Mary O'Hara
Secretary to the Board

This letter is being copied to all parties to the appeal.