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## Ref. Independent Review of Aquaculture Licencing Process.

Dear Licence Review Committee Members.

Firstly thank you for taking the time to read my views in regard to the Independent Review of Aquaculture Licencing Process.

My name is Agnes Curran and I have been a full time employee of MARINE HARVEST IRELAND for over 20 years, I currently work at their site which is located at Proclish, Falcarragh, Co Donegal, which is one of a number of sites that is owned and operated by MARINE HARVEST IRELAND, along the west coast of Ireland stretching from Donegal to Kerry /CORK Region.

This site at Proclish which is located within 1.5 km of my house, allows me and my work colleagues the opportunity to avoid the all too frequent brain drain and emigration that has blighted this rural, and indeed most rural areas on the west coast of Ireland, over the last decade.

MARINE HARVEST Ireland has served the local area for over three decades, providing and supporting both directly and indirectly different employable services within our local area.

The benefits to this area, in regard to

Sustainable Jobs Secured via the service required in the daily operational duties of Industries like Marine Harvest Ireland, Shops, taxis, Hotels, etc

Thus the cycle of employment that has been generated is able to be maintained.

It is in relation to the Independent Review of Aquaculture Licencing Process, that brings me to write this note.

Our Company has applied for an application for a licence for a site in shot Head, Bantry bay in 2011, to this day there is still no final decision reached, Time, Jobs, Skillforce, Secondary Services, are lost in the long time delay in reaching these decisions

As this review is being conducted, I believe the above issues should be intensely addressed in relation to these issues, which would ultimately ensure the expansion of Marine Harvest Ireland, all be it in an environmentally responsible manner.

The revenue returns to the exchequer, sustainable employment, Secondary Sectors, would all benefit substantially.

I believe current licencing procedures are not reflected to aid this and hopefully this Review can and will implement the industry changes the Aquaculture Industry needs to thrive and prosper.

Yours Sincerely Agnes Curran,