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dear people,

i am contacting you to express my dismay at the ways licenses have been granted for oyster farming without community consultation, nor a prior environmental impact study. i live in [REDACTED] and our local Linsfort beach has become both an eye sore, a danger to all and a source of great public disquiet.

application for the license should have been put in one of the local inishowen papers ; instead, the paper that was used (Donegal Democrat) is one covering another area in Donegal the south- so locals didnt see or hear of it. the license was granted and the farm underway before people knew what was happening. this is wrong and antidemocratic. and it makes me wonder whether this was incompetence, ignorance or a deliberate lack of transparency.

the fact that no environmental impact study has been done, ordered or even considered is another area of concern.

we live at a time when increasingly we know we need to protect biodiversity, be aware of the interconnectedness of biosystems on a living planet. the days of plundering the seas & the land for short term greed while leaving in its wake long term damage and harm are surely gone in the eyes of any intelligent government department official or minister. climate change, rates of species extinction, supertrawlers hoovering up everything, there are many problems due to a lack of remembering or caring that we are meant to be guardians/stewards of the planet, not its exploiters!

who profits from oyster farming, who are these european investors pushing for this. it is time to listen to the voices of local people in the areas affected, who will pay the costs in more ways than one, and it is unacceptable.

and finally -it seems incredibly short sighted and counterproductive to- on the one hand promote tourism initiatives such as the Wild Atlantic Way, highlighting its strengths of unspoilt scenery and beauty, -and then on the other hand to allow areas to be visually and practically destroyed by ugly, rusting, not maintained cages, causes danger to any people and animals on the beach, and to put these kind of developments in unsuitable locations.

looking forward to hearing your reply to this email,

yours sincerely,

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