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To whom it may concern,

We represent the Castletownbere Development Association and are involved in all aspects of the community.

This region revolves around the sea whether it is Aquaculture, Commercial fishing or Processing. All of them play a key role in the Castletownbere area.

It is very difficult to create long term sustainable jobs in rural areas so it is important that the licencing process is made a more streamlined process.

The direct employment is very important to the town and the further spinoff and support to the other local businesses is intangible.

It is so important to create and keep jobs locally as it is reflected in the vibrancy of the town and feeds right through to local schools, transport, hospitals etc.

There are also ongoing courses in Aquaculture at the Local BIM centre.

We believe that with the review of Aquaculture licences it would help the industry to be more sustainable and viable. This review creates the opportunity to streamline the licensing process thus making it more viable and a fairer system across the board for all stakeholders involved.

In a time when the commercial fishing industry is entering unchartered waters it is very important to grow and support the Aquaculture industry.

Regards,

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