

# Clíabháin Cóstá Teo.

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## Coastal Cages Limited

*Independent Review of Aquaculture Licensing  
c/o Deirdre Morgan – Secretary to the Independent Review Group  
Department of Aquaculture Food and the Marine National Seafood Centre  
Clonakilty  
Co Cork*

6<sup>th</sup> February 2017

Dear Deirdre,

**RE: Independent Review of Aquaculture Licensing Process**

We at Swan Net Gundry would like to highlight the importance of the Aquaculture Industry and the growth of the same to our business and to rural Ireland.

We supply the industry from 3 individual bases :-

- Clíabhain Costa Teoranta an Udaras based company in Ballymoon, Kilcar which manufactures fish farm nets employing 14 people.
- Swan Net Gundry Killybegs – selling many direct products to the industry.
- Swan Net Gundry Castletownbere – providing a net repair base and direct product sales to the industry.
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Killybegs and Castletownbere also serve the wider fishing industry and employ 48 people in total.

When you look at the level of fish farming today in Ireland at 15,000t compared to the UK at 180,000t with a much similar environment it highlights the huge untapped potential for growth and employment. Our industry has suffered significantly over the years with quota restrictions etc. and the current licensing system is hampering the development of the fish farming industry. Fish farming is a sustainable renewable industry with minimal effect on the environment and it has a positive effect on rural Ireland providing badly needed employment.

The issue for us at present is that due to the low level of production in Ireland we find that we can have significant work for a number of months and then nothing, to date we have been able to sustain the employment by moving staff to different sectors of the business but this is not always possible and we then find ourselves having to look at temporary layoffs.

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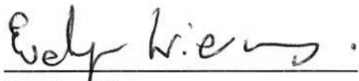
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It is almost impossible to keep young determined workers in this type of environment and sadly this then leads to more closed doors with our youth having to leave rural Ireland due to all our bases being solely dependent on fishing, this in turn has a knock on effect throughout the entire community.

A licensing system that will see an improved process and increase in licences issued will help companies like ourselves greatly not just to sustain the current levels of employment but to increase them and increase our contribution to the exchequer and the local community

Yours Faithfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Evelyn Kierans", written over a horizontal line.

**Evelyn Kierans**  
**Managing Director**