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Crocknagee Oysters Ltd operates an oyster farm across three sites in the Inishowen peninsula, in the north of county Donegal. We produce 400 tonnes of top quality Pacific Oysters annually. We currently employ 20 full time staff with an additional 6 part time staff during busy periods, as such we are one of the biggest employers in North Inishowen, which is an area with high levels of unemployment and youth emigration. In order to keep our young, well educated and hard working people, in this country it is vital that there are sustainable jobs available. The peninsula of Inishowen is surrounded by clean water and beaches perfect for the aquaculture industry. In order to optimise and expand the aquaculture industry is essential that the licencing process to be greatly improved as we cannot expand without licenced ground.

From my own experience the current licencing process, is far from fit for purpose with long waiting times, lots of hoops to jump through and when the licence was finally granted , we received a lot of unnecessary backlash from the public as they weren't aware of the application.

I would like the review group to recommend:

- . Detailed application process with check list of required documentation
- . Definite time lines
- . A minimum of a 20 year licence
- . Renewals of licence based on good practices and adherence to conditions
- . More transparency in the process - reducing the upset of locals who feel they are out of the loop.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require more information.

Yours Sincerely,
Derek Diver (Director).
Sharon Diver (Director).

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