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## **Independent Review of Aquaculture licensing Process**

To whom it may concern

My name is David Mc gloin, I have been a staff member of Marine Harvest Ireland for 23 years predominantly as Diver, and in latter years Diving Supervisor. I am based in the north west area of operations, namely Donegal/Mayo.

I am from [REDACTED] Rathmullan, and from as early as I can remember salmon farming has been an integral business in the area and for the local economy, the area has little else in regards full time employment. The company has given me more opportunities than I can thank them for, and as such I have been able to stay in the town I grew up in and continue the Maritime tradition it was founded on and earn my living from the sea. They have provided me with training to the highest international standards in commercial diving.

Being in the location we are it is imperative we are able to expand and develop aquaculture to world class standards and be looked upon by our peers world wide as a can do place, provided we get support from our politicians and government in regard to licensing.

It has been very demoting , seeing delay after delay in our applications to expand the company,due to out dated rules, and I firmly believe we can be world leaders in aquaculture and provide jobs for generations to come on the coastal fringes of our country. I personally have worked in some of the other Business Units attached to our company, namely Canada, I have seen first hand the dynamic communities that are flourishing due to aquaculture being given a chance to show that they can work in harmony with the environment and other Maritime users to provide much needed jobs and revenue to these areas.

I would like to ask you to please consider these facts and help resolve and provide a more strategic application process that will eliminate these delays and let our communities move forward with a new found zest and passion for providing world renowned salmon for our discerning customers.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to read this

Best regards

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**Your Name**