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Re: Review of Salmon Farm Licence

We, at Fast Fish Limited, fully support the review of the Salmon Farm Licence taking place.

We would be very strongly of the opinion that any licences granted would be granted on proper scientific advice regarding each site.

This advice has to be solid and published without fear or favour to the proposers or objectors of the project.

We as a company have had the bitter experience of the drift net fishing for wild salmon being totally eliminated in all Irish waters which ruined the small fishermen in rural Ireland.

This was done on the assumption by the Inland Fisheries and the Rod Fishermans Association of Ireland that this fishing was devastating the stocks of wild salmon.

During this bitter campaign, I did not hear once that lice were a problem in wild salmon. I can state that every salmon we handled as a company, which was quiet a lot, had lice on them when they were landed.

This campaign was unfounded and has done untold damage to the small fishermen in rural Ireland.

We as a company want to protect the environment as well as everyone else. But we do not want the same thing to happen again. We believe Salmon Farming is a great contribution to rural Ireland and potential to create jobs is always a positive.

Why it takes so long to grant permission for these projects in comparison to Scotland and Norway, that has the ability to create a lot of jobs in rural Ireland, we cannot understand.

Again, we would reiterate that each one of these projects should be evaluated on independent scientific advice and in Ireland we have a body of scientists who are the best in this field.

Yours faithfully,

Donal Kelly,

MANAGING DIRECTOR.