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Dear Chairperson

Thank you for the opportunity to express a view regarding the Aquaculture Licencing Process.

My name is Gerard Hassett and I am the owner of Keembay Fish Products and we are located on Achill Island Co Mayo with a work force of between 3 and 6 people depending on seasonal demand.. We also own a seafood restaurant with a staff of 6 to 14(seasonal). We only use Irish produced salmon and are unable to expand our peak season production(June to August) and Nov/Dec which covers the xmas market in Europe due to the shortage of supply of Irish Salmon during these periods.

If the existing salmon farms could produce more fish with additional farm sites being licenced then we could avail of the increased supply and therefore expand our business.

With the success of the Wild Atlantic Way and Blue Trails more demand for local produce is happening but we need more salmon produce to meet the increasing demand in our sector

Thanking You

Your Sincerely

Gerard Hassett