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Dear Deirdre,

I write with concern and to express my anger at the granting of the Oyster Licences on the beaches of Gweedore and the Rosses in County Donegal. It is clear that the existing licensing process does not do enough to address the concerns and reservations of communities where the establishment of oyster farms has to date been sought.

“Here in our own county, residents living in certain areas where such developments have been proposed have criticised the ease with which an application may be submitted for consideration to the Department, particularly concerning the lack of consultation and community engagement which applicants are required to provide before making an application.”

“It’s important to emphasise that the vast majority of people are not against aquaculture, nor do they reject outright the important role which marine based activities can play in the local economy, however they are opposed to developments on our beaches and strands which may be poorly planned or are disproportionate to the local area in terms of both their size and scale.

Donegal has recently be applauded both Nationally and Internationally for its beauty. Wire boxes on stunning beach will certainly not help the Wild Atlantic Way Tourism drive.

Your Sincerely,

Marie Pearson