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Dear Chairperson,

At the outset, I would like to wish you well and thank you for taking time to read my submission to your review committee which I will keep brief and to the point.

My name is Ernan Meenan and I am the managing director of Meenan Mechanical business located in Main Street Stranorlar in Co Donegal.

My company has been in receipt of gainful employment from Marine Harvest in Fanad Co. Donegal over the past 18 years delivering Mechanical services. I have no doubt that my company would not have survived the economic downturn without the important custom of Marine Harvest.

Marine Harvest provides employment to the local community in the Fanad peninsula of Donegal keeping couples and families together where there is virtually no other employment. Money earned in the area will be spent in the area.

It is vital to have more licences issued to ensure ongoing employment in this area and keep the community alive. Young people & families will not be forced to emigrate if this industry can continue to grow.

Other countries, even our nearest neighbour Scotland, continue to flourish and expand in the Aquaculture industry. Maybe now is the time for Ireland to compete and catch up. Maybe now is the time for all the stakeholders here to pull together and drive this industry forward. Maybe now is the time to review and expand the licences.

If you require any information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Ernan Meenan

Sent from my iPad