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Dear Panel,

I am not sure as to what's the best way forward but looking back something needs to change. I have worked in the mussels side of things on or about 1980 we gathered them up put them into socks and got them to grow. They grew so well we taught we'd never see a poor day again. Not so we couldn't sell them. So anyway I finished off school and went into different jobs eventually back fishing. Over the years I kept looking from the outside in at the Mussels and salmon farming going on in the locality. In 2002 I came ashore and worked in the gear manufacturing and design side of things, again my interest grew and with a family I taught there must be some way of producing a good quality marketable product over the next few years I studied different systems 2007 brought me to the east coast of America looking at offshore subsurface systems and in 2015 I was in Japan for a look at how they do things. I have a small operation in growing seaweed and processing it for export. All that said licencing is not easy I suppose if it was every Tom Dick and Harry would have the whole thing messed up.

Now Panel you have a massive opportunity to create a whole new system going ahead.

A For someone to develop any business it must have an ability to expand to an economical size

B. The person must have the skills to do it

C. they must have the interest to do it

D and Finance to make it happen in a safe way

We have a wonderful coastline and it needs to be zoned

ie mark out navigation channels for marine traffic and utilise the unused harbour areas

allow for more variety of farming, methodology and mixed aquaculture that can work in harmony

ie one piggybacks off the other.

Its not rocket science a bit of common sense would go a long way and a panel of knowledgeable people with no vested interest in aqualture to have an oral hearing with licence applicants bearing in mind the A,B, C, D.

Ps You will have a lot of opinions thrown at you but please don't waste the chance to make things better . If I can expand on the points just contact me [REDACTED]

Regards Michael Murphy