

Dept of agriculture food and the Marine National Seafood Centre,

Clonakilty,

Co Cork,

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Co Donegal.

3.2.2017

**Ref Independent Review of aquaculture licencing process**

Dear sir/madam(Independent review committee )

My name is Richard Carr I am a site manager with Marine Harvest Ireland at Kindrum ,Fanad ,Co Donegal. This year I will be celebrating my 25<sup>th</sup> year working with Marine Harvest Ireland. During these years I have been involved with the sale of ova, fry and smolts to countries all around the world. When reviewing the current aquaculture licencing procedure which in my opinion has never worked please keep in mind that without adequate licences Marine Harvest Ireland are forced to export there ova and young stock this then means that the young people in Ireland are deprived of the work which is involved in the rearing of these fish.

Marine Harvest Ireland applied for a licence in 2011 for a site at shot head in Co Cork six years on and still no final decision. We at Marine Harvest Ireland need to be able to expand like other farms in our neighbouring countries

I hope this review will result in more licences being issued for the aquaculture business which in turn will mean more jobs and a future in Ireland for my kids and others like them. Thank you for taking time to read my submission.

Yours sincerely

Richard Carr. 3.2.17

