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Independent Review of Aquaculture Licensing
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Dear Ms Morgan,

Please share this email with the Independent Review Group.

I fail to understand why Aquaculture licences to farm oysters are granted in beautiful coastal locations of Donegal. Surely it is a own goal on behalf of the Department of Agriculture and Marine. Why would you shoot yourself in the foot and desecrate Donegal ... it is the envy of the world. (see National Geographic link below)

<http://www.irishtimes.com/life-and-style/travel/donegal-named-coolest-place-on-planet-by-national-geographic-1.2889597>

As a proud Cruit Island resident I am told regularly by friends/ family how magnificent Donegal is. They are dumbfounded, as am I, that oyster farm licences are authorised by Government, as they ruin the culture and soul of Donegal. Most recently a eye sore of an oyster farm has been built next to Donegal Airport, a disappointing welcome to stunning Carrick Finn.

Please consider wisely how much these oyster farms contaminate the beauty of Donegal, a gem in the Emerald Isle!

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