

TNS Shellfish

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To Deirdre Morgan,

Submission to the independent Aquaculture Licence Review Group

As an owner of a business with a direct interest in the sustainable development of the Irish Aquaculture sector we welcome the establishment by Minister Michael Creed TD of the independent review group on Licencing.

The Issue of the Licencing has been the greatest obstacle and impediment to the development of jobs and export from seafood coastal areas and the fish processing sector in Ireland for two decades now.

My Company is a small mussel shellfish producing company which I employ one person on a part-time basis, if this licencing process was sorted I could expand and employ one or two full-time workers and investment could be made that would generate revenue in our rural coastal area.

The lack of progress is putting a workable system that could see a lot of investment at stake. All of our small coastal areas could benefit from these Licences keeping employment in the local area.

This industry desperately needs clarity on how long these Licencing process is going to take. These issues need to be addressed immediately.

Looking forward to hearing from you

Yours sincerely

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