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To whom it concerns

My company has been engaged with Aquaculture operators in the West of Ireland of Ireland since 1998. From first-hand experience I see that the aquaculture is an extremely important and sometimes only industry in these remote, coastal areas, providing much needed jobs to people and families who would have had no alternative but to leave the area. I observed your recently publish notice to review the aquaculture licencing process and I welcome such a review as operators need to be able to expand their business in order to meet the demand of Irish produced aquaculture products and those provide more employment. I know that some businesses have applied for new and renewed licences and the progress has been either extremely slow or non-existent. As a service provider to the industry, my own business would benefit too as if the industry grows then so too does my business.

Kind Regards

Michael Holmes

Manager