"Determination of Foreshore Licensing application – T09/524A"

Conor O Malley has applied for a foreshore licence to facilitate the cultivation of blue mussels using longlines on the sub-tidal foreshore on a 6.58hectare site (T09/524A) in Cleggan Bay, Co Galway.

The Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine has determined that it is in the public interest to grant the licence sought. In making his determination the Minister considered those matters which by virtue of the Foreshore Act 1933, and other relevant legislation, he was required to have regard. Such matters include any submissions and observations received from the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage (DHLGH) in accordance with subsection (1B) of Section 3 of the Foreshore Act, 1933.

Reasons for the Decision:

- Section 82 of the Fisheries (Amendment) Act, 1997 stipulates that the Minister, in considering an application for a licence under the Foreshore Acts, which is sought in connection with the carrying on of aquaculture pursuant to an Aquaculture Licence, shall have regard to any decision of the licensing authority in relation to the Aquaculture Licence.

- An Aquaculture Licence has been granted for the cultivation of blue mussels on this site.