



Department of Agriculture Food and the Marine,  
Aquaculture and Foreshore Management Division,  
National Seafood Centre,  
Clonakilty,  
Co. Cork.

12th February 2019.

**Submission**

**Re: Aquaculture Licence Application T 05/472A.**

Woodstown Bay Shellfish Ltd, The Harbour, Dunmore East, Co. Waterford.

Dear Sirs,

Irish Sailing is the National Governing Body in Ireland recognised by the Sport Ireland for activities involving either engine and sail powered craft. We have 20,000 members many of whom enjoy unrestricted access to the waters around Kinsale.

On behalf of Irish Sailing I wish to lodge an objection to the Aquaculture and Foreshore Licence application identified as T05/472A for which your office has requested submissions.

Kinsale is at the heart of Irish Sailing activity, with a Yacht Club and Marina, along with an Educational Training Board who between them offer recreational activities to thousands of young children, & adults every year. The club also hosts many major National and International Sailing events including: World Dragon Gold Cup, World Disabled Championships, Round UK and Ireland Race, World Clipper Race, Yachting Monthly Triangle Race, Presidents Sailability Cup, Six Dinghy Nationals, along with the bi-annual Sovereigns cup.

Kinsale is also one of the primary centres for Inclusive watersports, introducing large numbers of people with a disability to sailing. This year the Club will be hosting the Watersports Inclusion games which is an annual event that Irish Sailing runs with Rowing Ireland and Canoe Ireland, in partnership with local organisations and community groups.

The 200 berth marina in Kinsale provides access to visiting boats and attracts in excess of 3,000 visitors to Kinsale annually.

The proposed location in this licence application is a very sheltered area of Kinsale harbour, and as such it used as a primary sailing area for the watersports activities described above on account of the relative safety provided by the sheltered waters.

We endorse the concerns of Kinsale Yacht Club and believe that there can be no justification for locating a mussel farm in this area. Kinsale Harbour is a “public realm” and the problems arising from the uncontrollable spread of mussel growth will be catastrophic and have many unintended consequences.

Accordingly, on behalf of Irish Sailing, I request that this licence application be refused.

Yours sincerely,

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