

**AQUACULTURE LICENCES APPEALS BOARD**

**BOARD MEETING 21.11**

**Virtual @ 9.30**

**21 September 2021**

**Minutes**

**Present:** Imelda Reynolds (Chairperson), Michael Sweeney, Micheál Ó Cinnéide Michael Mulloy, John Evans, John Ward.

**Apologies:** Bill Sweeney

**In attendance:** Mary O'Hara (Board Secretary of ALAB), Dr Ciar O'Toole (ALAB Technical Advisor), Ciara Murphy (ALAB) Brona Leonard (ALAB)

**21.11.01 Conflicts of Interest/Section 31 Declarations**

All Board members confirmed that they had no conflict of interest in any of the appeals before the Board for consideration at the meeting. John Evans raised a possible conflict in relation to Crookhaven appeals (Agenda Item 11) due to recent work undertaken by him and recused himself from the item until clarified.

The Board members and administrative staff confirmed that no communications had been received by any of them for the purposes of seeking to improperly influence the consideration by the Board of any appeals or decisions before the Board at this meeting, in breach of Section 31 of the Act.

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**21.11.05 AP2/11-14/2015 Shot Head**

The Board noted acknowledgement of the FOI issued to Federation of Irish Salmon and Seatrout Anglers issued on the 20<sup>th</sup> August 2021 and release of the FOI documents on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2021 following legal advice.

The Board noted a request dated 9 September 2021 from O’Shaughnessy Bairead Solicitors (OSB) on behalf of SWI (Salmon Watch Ireland) seeking:

- 1. A full copy of the licence granted to Marine Harvest Limited;
- 2. A full copy of the conditions relating to the Licence;
- 3. Details of any documents considered by ALAB when making the determination that are not currently available on the website.

The Board noted a letter had issued in response to this request to OSB on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

The Board noted an AIE request dated 12 September 2021 from Galway Bay Against Salmon Cages seeking details of all minutes of ALAB meetings at which the Shot Head salmon farm

licence was discussed. The request also asked for the names of all the prescribed organisations/body's that nominated Mr. Bill Sweeney, John Evans, John Ward, Michael Sweeney and Michéal Ó Cinnéide to the Board of ALAB and the Minister who appointed Imelda Reynolds and Michael Molloy to ALAB. The Board noted acknowledgement of the AIE issued on the 20<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

The Board agreed to begin drafting the licence for Shot Head.

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Dated the 21 day of October 2021

*Imelda Reynolds*

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**Imelda Reynolds CHAIRPERSON**