

**Notice of Ministerial consideration and determination for the requirement of Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), in respect of an Aquaculture Licence Renewal application by Dundalk Salmon Anglers Association 19, Waterview, Lower Point Road, Dundalk Co Louth.**

I, Simon Coveney, Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine in accordance with the requirement of Regulation 5(2) of the Aquaculture (Licence Application) Regulations, 1998 have considered whether the Aquaculture Licence application listed above to culture salmon in a hatchery is likely to have significant effects on the environment and would require the submission of an Environmental Impact Statement.

I have considered the proposed aquaculture activities, and determined that they are not likely to have significant effects on the environment and that an EIS is not required in relation to the applications listed therein.

**REASONS AND CONSIDERATIONS**

Having regard to the provisions of:

- (i) Regulation 5 of the Aquaculture (Licence Application) Regulations, 1998;
- (ii) EIA Directives (codified by Council Directive 2011/92/EU);
- (iii) The guidance contained in the European Commission document entitled “Guidance on EIA, Screening” June 2001 listed in Annex III of Council Directive 2011/92/EU

And having regard to the report and recommendations of the Department’s Screening Group and with particular regard to:

- a) The nature and scale of the proposed aquaculture activity which would take place within the existing land-take and visual envelope of the site
- b) The limited magnitude and extent of the direct impacts arising from the proposed aquaculture activity
- c) The absence of any protected structures or recorded monuments in the area of the proposed aquaculture activity
- d) The low population density of the surrounding area
- e) The non-use of toxic or hazardous substances as part of the proposed aquaculture activity
- f) The minor risk of accidents occurring as result of the proposed aquaculture activity
- g) The location of the development outside the boundary of any European Site(s)

it is considered that the proposed aquaculture activities, listed above are not likely to have significant effects on the environment and that the preparation and submission of an Environmental Impact Statement is not required.

GIVEN under my Official Seal,

**Simon Coveney**  
**Minister for Agriculture,**  
**Food and the Marine**