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KILLYBEGS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

12TH Thurs 2017.

Ref: EPA Reg No. S0028 -01

Five Points,

Killybegs,

Environmental Licensing Programme

Co. Donegal.

Office of Environment Sustainability,

Environment Protective Agency,

PO.Box 3000,

Johnstown Castle,

Co. Wexford.

Re: Silt Extension of Quay - Smooth Point - Killybegs, Fisheries Harbour Centre,
Dumping at Sea Acts 1996 -2010

A Chara,

Killybegs Community Council Members have expressed serious concerns over the proposed dumping at sea by the Dept of Agriculture, Food & Marine which we feel has the capacity to threaten the the local environment with devastating effect on the local In Shore Fisheries Aquaculture and tourist industry. This proposal has the potential to destroy our community and others along the coast.

Whilst Council supports the proposed extension of the Port facilities, the proposed Dump site at sea for the dredged material is totally unsuitable. It would be highly irresponsible to dump such volatile material in this proposed location. This opinion is based on documented evidence of the long term damage done during the 2003 Dredging of the Harbour.

While none of the sites proposed are, in our opinion suitable, Site C or preferably a 'Site D' (further out to sea) are the only options which should be considered for the dumping of this waste material.

We also require confirmation that this process will be strictly monitored independent of the Dept at all times. It is strongly felt that this did not happen previously (2003) and contributed to the irreparable damage which occurred.

Yours sincerely,

Eimear McGuinness, Chairperson

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