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To Whom It May Concern

Please find enclosed letter from North West Charter Skippers Association.

Thank you

Kind regards

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12th January 2017

To Whom It may Concern

I represent the members of the North West Charter Skipper's Association who are affiliated to the national Skippers Association and work closely with Irish Fisheries and Department of Marine.

Our members are small boats owners who live solely on taking groups out for fishing trips throughout the year. We are based in the North West, our members located from Rosses Point right up to Inishowen.

Whilst fishing has been in decline over the years for different reasons, we are very concerned of the possible knock on effects of silt drifting around the bay. Fishing and sightseeing is our only source of income, with the decline of fish and/or whales/dolphin watching, it will put the few of us that is left out of business. We have already lost a few boats from our area due to the decline in fishing.

At a recent meeting, we have been made aware that Killybegs Harbour will be dredged during the coming months to clear the area for a proposed pier extension at Smooth Point.

Killybegs Harbour was dredged a couple of years ago, that and the red tide algae killed the fish which resulted in poor fishing trips that reduced to nothing. It took the fish two years to come back in any kind of stock and size that an Angler would pay money for.

We have worked closely with Inland Fisheries and Failte Ireland to help our declining industry. Inland Fisheries have promoted us with a newly launched website three years ago and are marketing our industry worldwide. Failte Ireland have promoted our industry and sightseeing trips on all their Wild Atlantic Way platforms and have brought many Familisation trips and Travel Media throughout the world to promote Donegal Bay.

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There are 3 proposed dump sites on the bay A. 54° 33.70'N, 8°37.30'W, and site B. 54°32.30'N, 8°43.90'W, are too close to the shoreline. Site C. 54°34.40'N, 9°05.00'W would be a safer option for Donegal Bay as it is in an area where the tides are stronger and better able to disperse the spoil.

We are writing to you to please consider looking at Site C (the furthest point from the land) when looking at a licence for dumping this toxic waste/silt/gravel/rocks in Donegal Bay for Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine.

We are writing to ask you to consider all this when issuing a licence for dumping in Donegal Bay to the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine.

Yours sincerely

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