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Subject: S0023-01 - Proposed Dumping at Sea License for dumping Sligo dredged material in Donegal Bay

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Dear EPA,

The Irish Fish Processors and Exporters Association (IFPEA) wishes to express the serious concerns of our members concerning the wisdom of the application referred to above, which would entail the disposal of a large volume of dredged silt from Sligo Harbour at a site in Donegal Bay.

Our members are very concerned that the fine silt with as is referred to in the technical documents accompanying the application will pose a considerable threat to wild whitefish, shellfish, farmed fish and farmed shellfish in the overall Donegal Bay area. It is believed that the disposal of such large volumes of estuarine silt will mean it's suspension in the water column over an extended period and area as to pose an unacceptable risk to fish life into the future, with consequent effects on fishers and commercial operations in Donegal Bay.

We strongly recommend the refusal of the licence and re-consideration of other disposal methods, including local land reclamation close to the dredge site.

Yours sincerely,

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