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**To Whom It Concerns**

I am a fisherman in the Sligo bay area fishing out of Raughley harbour and I am co-ordinator of the B.I.M. V-notching Lobster release program. I represent the fisherman in the Sligo bay area (please see names below) on the N. W. R.I.F.F.

We strongly object to the proposed application by Sligo County Council for the disposal of dredged material at sea from capital and maintenance dredging during the period July 2017 to July 2025 as per Sligo Champion public notices of Tuesday March 28th 2017.

They are proposing to dump at sea 250,000 cubic metres of dredged material and also 5500 cubic metres of water injection dredging out into Sligo bay.

At present our V-Notching program of lobster restocking is at a sustainable level and we fear if this proposed dredging goes ahead it will destroy our stocks and livelihoods which we have been building up for the past 20 years in the V Notching Programs.

Evidence shows in 2002 and 2003 after dredging in the Killybegs harbour, local salmon farms were destroyed and wiped out. A black sticky sludge started to appear on the salmon farm nets very soon after and also on the lobster and crab pots following the dumping at sea of dredged material from the Killybegs harbour area.

As this chosen dumping site is a very productive brown crab fishery area and Sligo bay is a nursery for lobster and small fish we hope you will not issue a permit to dump in these pristine waters of the north atlantic.

Yours sincerely,  
David Downes

**Sligo Bay Fishermen**

David Downes	Suzanne Too
Christopher Harte	Mystic Star
Stephen Mannion	Helen D
John McGowan	Roisin Ann 2
Frank Fox	Cul Aine
Frank Feighnan	Springfield Lass
Plunkett McCann	Dancing Queen
Paddy Davis	Lucky Star

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Michael Kelly  
John Kelly  
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Brotherly LoveTwo  
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