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Re: Proposed dredging works between Oyster Island and Barytes Jetty, Sligo Harbour

To Whom it may concern,

We represent the shellfish producers of Sligo Harbour. As shellfish farmers we are very concerned about the proposal to dredge Sligo Harbour.

All farms operate inside the designated shellfish waters boundaries, however, as you know, water does not recognise boundaries and therefore we feel completely exposed to all dangers associated with the works.

Shellfish are extremely sensitive to any environmental changes. The dredging proposed would undoubtedly cause water quality variations in the vicinity of the dredging works which are in very close proximity to the designated shellfish waters.

The shellfish farms in question have the capacity to produce 100-120 tonnes of clams and 300-400 tonnes of oysters per year. This product is almost entirely for the export market and contributes significantly to the employment of many local people. We would like to put Sligo County Council on notice that if there are any ill effects caused to the shellfish by the proposed works we will be holding Sligo County Council responsible for any losses incurred.

Yours faithfully,

Noel Carter
On behalf of the Sligo Harbour Shellfish Producers Group

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