



Submission

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Application

Applicant:	Dairygold Co-Operative Society Ltd and TINE Ireland Ltd
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To the Environmental Protection Agency submission in relation to application for a licence by Dairygold co-operative society Ltd and Tine Ireland Ltd for the emission of waste from there Mogeely Co.Cork facility

Re: Licence Application P1103-01 – Dairygold

We wish to strongly object to the Application to pump 4 million litres a day of FOG (Fats, Grease and Oils) into the waters of East Ferry in Cork Harbour at Rathcoursey.

My husband and I are keen anglers who moved from the UK to live in Lower Aghada in 2006 due to the quality and variety of fish species found in Cork Harbour.

We have fished Cork Harbour regularly since then and have often fish down East Ferry for Bass on a catch and release basis as a EU protected species and many other species of fish and in the last couple of years we have found new species in East Ferry, Smoothhound and Tope .

The area is also protected under the EU Habitats and Birds Directives.

Dairygold's claim that the tide will take the effluent out to sea cannot be guaranteed, it has been proven in studies that the water in the harbour does not wash out completely and merely swirls around the middle harbour and washes back into the inner harbour with the incoming tide.

It is inconceivable that our marine wildlife is increasingly under threat when we need now more than ever to protect it. The harbour in its present state does not need any more effluent being discarded into it. As harbour users we know that all effluent does not get washed out. We need to be improving the water quality in the harbour not polluting it further. East Ferry is a scenic area drawing tourists to the area which in turn boosts the economy.

Angling in Cork Harbour is a hugely important generator of Tourism Revenue and is still untapped in its potential. Inland Fisheries Ireland conducted a 'Socio-Economic Study of Recreational Angling in Ireland'. The report, which was published in 2013, estimated the total economic contribution of recreational angling in Ireland to be approximately €755 million with an estimated 406,000 individuals having participated in angling over the course of 2012. Fish stocks, in particular Bass are protected by law. The angling community have embraced this conservation approach and the Planning process should show the same respect to them. Bass, their movements and sensitivity to environmental factors were not considered at all in the EIS. This is a serious deficiency that needs to be remedied.