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Good Afternoon Eve,

In relation to the proposed granting of a Dumping at Sea Permit to the Shannon Foynes Port Company, the SFPA has no objections.

It is noted that commercial fishing activity in the Shannon Estuary region is confined to the lower reaches and is unlikely to be affected by the dumping of the spoil produced.

As is noted that the NIA Section 4.2.4, growth of Pacific Oysters (*Crassostrea gigas*) at the licenced site approx.. 5 Km upstream may be affected in the event of suspended particles reaching a concentration in excess of 150mg/l in the vicinity of the site. However, any such affects will be short lived and are unlikely to result in mortality or significant increases in the growth cycle of the oysters.

Aquaculture sites the west of Foynes in Ballylongford are at a sufficient remove as to be unaffected by the proposed operations.

Regards,

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