



SFPA Observations on Marine Usage Licence Applications

Applicant Name & Area: BioAtlantis Ltd, Kenmare Bay, County Kerry and County Cork	Application No: MUL250011
Application Category	
<input type="checkbox"/> Shellfish Aquaculture Licence <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal of Shellfish Aquaculture Licence <input type="checkbox"/> Fin Fish Aquaculture Licence <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal of Fin Fish Aquaculture Licence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Foreshore Licence	<input type="checkbox"/> Dumping at Sea <input type="checkbox"/> Water discharge <input type="checkbox"/> Harbour Developments <input type="checkbox"/> Marine Renewables <input type="checkbox"/> Cables/ Fiber Optics/ Site investigations

Sea Fisheries Protection Officer Observations
<p>1. <i>Possible impacts, if any, on existing wild fisheries in the area, with an emphasis on the possible implications for the SFPA in conducting official controls and possible non-compliance issues that could arise.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential spatial conflict with traditional and local fishing activities in the area particularly in respect of pot fisheries for shrimp, crab and lobster. • Potential ecological damage to marine habitats of juvenile fish and crustaceans on which commercial fisheries are based. <p>Consideration should be given to stipulating that existing fishing activities and foreshore routeways remain unrestricted at all times with seaweed harvesting restricted to the intertidal zone (area between high water and low water mark) to avoid spatial conflict with existing wild fisheries in the area and that seaweed harvesting is required to be conducted in a sustainable and supervised manner so as to maintain the marine ecosystem of juvenile fish and crustaceans.</p>
<p>2. <i>Possible impacts, if any, on adjacent or nearby shellfish production areas adjacent, including possible implications for the SFPA in conducting official controls and possible non-compliance issues that could arise.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential spatial conflict with existing aquaculture licensed sites in the area • Potential impacts on aquaculture installations such as trestles, long lines and associated mooring ropes and anchor lines. Potential obstruction of traditional shore handling areas for live bivalve molluscs with seaweed harvesting equipment and harvested seaweed awaiting transport.

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Consideration should be given to stipulating that seaweed harvesting be restricted to areas outside existing aquaculture site boundaries in order to avoid spatial conflict with existing activities in shellfish production areas.

3. *Possible impacts, if any, on seafood safety, with an emphasis on the implications for the SFPA in conducting official controls and possible non-compliance issues that could arise.*

There are no foreseeable impacts on seafood safety or seafood safety controls. SFPA has no remit in connection with the placing on the market of marine algae.

Sea-Fisheries Protection Authority

SFPA Dingle, Co. Kerry

Date:

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