

**FALCARRAGH CLEAN COAST GROUP**

*Costa Glan agus Glast*

**FALCARRAGH**

**CO DONEGAL**

**MICHAEL CREED TD**

**Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine**

**Agriculture House**

**Kildare St**

**Dublin 2**

**19 July 2019**

**Dear Mr Creed**

**I am a volunteer with Falcarragh Clean Coast Group, in North Donegal. We hold regular, monthly, organised beach clean-ups, in order to protect the natural beauty of our coastline and its wildlife.**

**As a group, and as an individual member of the group, we are deeply concerned about the plans to ruin our beautiful Ballyness Bay with acres of oyster farms.**

**We understand that the oyster bags and fittings used in this type of farming are plastic/rubber which, we believe, should not be permitted on such a scale, in a designated Special Area of Conservation. We believe that debris connected to this oyster farm, along with other associated rubbish, will undoubtedly be washed up on the shoreline that we work so hard to keep clean.**

**Collectively, and individually, we are totally against this oyster farm going ahead, in any capacity. We trust that the views of the people who love and care for this area will be listened to and our wishes honoured.**

**Yours sincerely,**