

Appendix B to Agenda item B1

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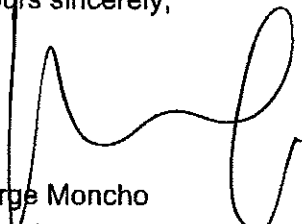
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Whitstable, 13th of May, 2014

Dear Committee,

I would appreciate if you can consider the opening of the Outside Area for cockle fishing in the 2014 season. We strongly believe that no cockles will be left if the beds are not fished promptly.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jorge Moncho', written over the printed name.

Jorge Moncho
Director
Cardium Shellfish Ltd.

Debbie O'Shea

From: Dominic Bailey
Sent: 13 May 2014 09:17
To: Debbie O'Shea
Subject: FW: Outside Areas

Hi Deb,

Some of the cockle license holders said yesterday that they would like to have the outside area opened this year, so we told them to put any comments or thoughts in writing and we would table them for that item. Below is an email from one of the processors and two of the license holders. Can we please print this off and any others that come through and table them next week?

Thanks

Dom

Dominic Bailey | Assistant Chief Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Officer
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From: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
Sent: 13 May 2014 08:55
To: Dominic Bailey; [REDACTED]
Subject: Outside Areas

To Dominic / Committee

As discussed in our meeting with you on Monday 12th, we would like to see the outside areas opened this season as there is a good chance if they are left any longer they could die. This would not be beneficial to anybody, however we would like to make sure the possibility of cross contamination is taken into consideration.

Also with only 40 days again this year it would help out financially. this is the opinion of me (Thameside Shellfish), S.M.S. seafood, and RIV Fisheries. It also seems to be the opinion of the whole industry.

Thameside Shellfish
G. Attenborough

S.M.S Seafoods
S. Meddle

RIV Fisheries
T. Osborne

Debbie O'Shea

From: Dominic Bailey
Sent: 14 May 2014 11:48
To: Debbie O'Shea
Subject: FW: Please give this to the committee members on the 20th

Another one

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-----Original Message-----

From: Michael - Fruits of the Sea Ltd [redacted]
Sent: 13 May 2014 22:31
To: Will Wright; Dominic Bailey; mason email; Liam; James Bates; Info
Subject: Re: Please give this to the committee members on the 20th

N.B.

The email below we sent you is from myself James Bates Liam Bates and Mason West

Regards
Michael Bates

www.fruitsofthesea.eu

Sent from Michael's iPad
"Nil illigiti carborundum "
<http://www.youtube.com/user/SealandVideo>
www.facebook.com/principalityofsealand

On 13 May 2014, at 19:46, Michael - Fruits of the Sea Ltd <[redacted]>

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>> Dear committee members,
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>> As we approach yet another season of reduced fishing days seemingly due to a combination of bad winter weather and dredging impact, we think it imperative that the outside the area fishery be opened. It would be criminal to see this stock dying on the ground or being taken by nature when our fishery is under such pressure. If these cockles are not taken now they will not be there next year.

>> We ask that you speak to the minister and bring in an emergency bye law to police the fishery and allow us to take the stock at the beginning of June when the yield should be good and the weather fair for the boats. It was suggested in the IFCA meeting with licence holders on the 12th of May that an emergency bye law could not be justified. The overwhelming opinion amongst the licence holders is that the majority of cockle stocks dying on the ground does indeed constitute an emergency response from the committee, in line with the best interests of the beds and stakeholders.

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>> We are also concerned that planned future regulations may not take into account the major investment the cockle fleet have in specialised boats and machinery and might aim to issue a small daily quota that will be uneconomical for dedicated cockle boats to fish.

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>> We would remind you that the cockle fleet is tied up most of the year. As we don't have the opportunity to catch fish and there is very little else we can turn to while we continue to employ staff etc through the winter.

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>> Regards

>> Michael Bates

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