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The Birds Case – 2007 Judgement what did it say ?

“the Court finds that Ireland fails to ensure systematically that aquaculture programmes likely to have a significant effect on SPAs, either individually or in combination with other projects, are made subject to an appropriate prior assessment”



Aquaculture licence applications

Roadmap 1300 determinations

30 Finfish applications

These applications are legacy files which must be appropriately assessed prior to a determination to ensure compliance with the court findings



Next steps

Potential legislative changes

Phase out Section 19A(4) by end of 2024

Engagement with industry representatives

Engagement with individual operators



Implications for processes

Guidance documents

Environmental considerations

Public participation

Visual impact



Questions ?