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The Hananui Aquaculture Expert Panel
Environmental Protection Authority

Kia ora

RE: Hananui Aquaculture Project

Thanks for the provision of the draft decision document and the draft conditions for Environment Southland (ES) feedback. ES appreciates the panel's very diligent approach to the condition suite.

Overall ES is broadly comfortable with the draft decision document and associated draft conditions. Attached is a Word document version of the conditions which tracks the ES feedback on the specific aspects which the panel has flagged for consideration. If no ES comment is made, ES is comfortable with the condition wording proposed.

This attachment also outlines the ES position on management plan certification. While ultimately the panel's call, ES endorses the panel kōrero from the 23 June session that this needs to be a clear and efficient process which does not create a "consent process within a consent", nor create regular impasse or litigation situations where one certifier was comfortable and the other certifier was not.

In relation to Item 24 of Minute 7 and the subsequent clarification of this request, ES confirms ES is in agreement that the list in section 8.2.2 of the application is complete and accurate, but suggests that the panel also includes a consent for occupancy under both Rules 9.1.1 (the more general rule for exclusive or preferential coastal occupation) and Rule 15.1.7 (the more specific rule for marine farming) of the Operative Southland Regional Coastal Plan, for avoidance of doubt.

As is normal ES practice for other existing marine farms in the Southland coastal marine area, ES would request that a single "bundled" coastal permit issues for the various activities which trigger consent under the Regional Coastal Plan.

Thanks again for the opportunity to comment.

For now
& our future

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