

Appendix 4: Table of responses from Mr Jackson on Westpower’s behalf to comments on draft complex freshwater fisheries approval conditions

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Department of Conservation Comments		
4	<p>Freshwater Ecology Monitoring Plan</p> <p>The permit holder must engage an appropriately qualified and experienced ecologist (Project Ecologist – Freshwater) to advise upon, supervise and coordinate the implementation of the Freshwater Ecology Management Plan.</p> <p><u>The Dispensation Holder shall prepare a Freshwater Ecology and Monitoring Plan (FEMP). The purpose of the FEMP is to manage and minimise effects on native freshwater fish prior to and during any required streamworks.</u></p> <p><u>(a) The FEMP shall include:</u></p> <p><u>(i) Methods for directing native fish and salvage and relocation, including site isolation procedure(s) and any site-specific requirements as appropriate;</u></p> <p><u>(ii) Timing of fish salvage and relocation, including management measures to take into account migration or spawning periods.</u></p> <p><u>(b) At least 20 Working Days before starting streamworks, the FEMP shall be submitted to DOC for certification that the FEMP satisfies the requirements of 4.1(a).</u></p>	<p>Reject</p> <p>Westpower supports the Panel’s conditions regarding certification of management plans for the reasons previously argued in Westpower’s Memorandum 7 and for the reasons set out in the Panel’s draft decision.</p> <p>It should also be noted that neither the consent conditions, nor any jurisdictional requirement, restricts the consenting authorities from seeking external specialist advice to assist them in their certification role if the required expertise is not available in-house.</p>

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(c) The Dispensation Holder shall not commence streamworks until the FEMP has been certified under 4.1(b).

(d) The Dispensation Holder may update the FEMP by submitting the updated FEMP to DOC for certification in accordance with 4.1(b).

(e) The FEMP shall be implemented for the duration of streamworks.

Advice Note: the resource consents for the Project include a condition that requires the preparation and implementation of an FEMP. The Dispensation Holder may prepare one FEMP that meets both the conditions of the resource consents and this Dispensation.
