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Tēnā koe Bal

Re: Request for Further Information under the Fast track Approvals Act 2024

On 23 June 2026, the Department of Conservation (DOC) attended a conditions workshop for the Hananui Aquaculture Project, and through discussions the Panel requested that DOC provide further information in relation to the application. DOC has not received a formal request via the EPA in accordance with section 67 of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (the Act) but nonetheless this letter provides a response to the information requested.

Request

Please could the relevant experts, by next Wednesday 1 July, provide comments to the Panel to indicate if they are comfortable with the current drafts of the Seabird Management Plan (SBMP) and Shark Management Plan (SMP), and if not what amendments they would seek.

Response

DOC staff have reviewed the Draft Shark Management Plan (SMP) dated June 2025 that was lodged with the substantive application and are comfortable with this version, although the date has not been updated to reflect amendments made in response to DOC feedback in August 2025. For completeness and the avoidance of doubt, the date and/or document version should be updated prior to a decision being made on the application.

A copy of the Seabird Management Plan (SBMP) dated 6 May 2026 was provided to DOC on 30 June 2026. This version reflects updates made in response to DOC's s 53 comments, no further changes are requested. The applicant and Panel should ensure this document is appropriately captured in the application material prior to the Panel's decision.

We trust that the response adequately addresses the information requested. If there are further questions in relation to this response, please contact me or Amelia Wilkinson at

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Nāku noa, nā



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