

Appendix F Consultation summary

Table F-1 provides an outline of the consultation undertaken to date.

Table F-1: detailed outline of the consultation undertaken throughout the development of the proposed HAP, from 2019 to date.

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2019-2022 - Pre-Lodgement of RMA / CRFTCA Application	
5 February 2019	<p>Hui with chairs of papatipu rūnanga</p> <p>NTS staff met with the chairs of the four Murihiku papatipu rūnanga to provide an outline of the project and seek guidance on how best to consult with papatipu rūnanga before lodgement of the consent application. The advice received was then implemented as described in the notes of the meetings below.</p>
26 September 2019	<p>Hui with chair of Hokonui rūnanga</p> <p>NTS staff provided a presentation to explain the project and possible environmental effects and measures to avoid, remedy or mitigate them. Support for the project was expressed. Questions were asked about monitoring of effects and consultation with the Harbourmaster on navigation matters, which were responded to by the NTS staff present</p>
26 September 2019	<p>Hui with Awarua rūnanga representatives</p> <p>NTS staff provided a presentation to explain the project and possible environmental effects and measures to avoid, remedy or mitigate them. Support for the project was expressed. A number of questions were asked about operational matters, and the effects of the proposed project on tītī and tio (oysters) were discussed</p>
16 October 2019	<p>Rakiura Tītī Islands Administering Body</p> <p>NTS staff provided a presentation to explain the project and possible environmental effects and measures to avoid, remedy or mitigate them. Questions were asked about the effects of underwater lighting on tītī and the ways in which birds could be prevented from entering or becoming entangled in the net pens, which were responded to by the NTS staff present. Questions were also asked about the type of materials used for the net pens and surface structures, with a desire expressed to be as environmentally friendly as possible. The Rakiura Tītī Islands Administering Body members present expressed an interest in participating in any monitoring or surveying of tītī if consent was granted.</p>
17 October 2019	<p>Rakiura whānau; Te Whaka a Te Wera Mātaitai Committee members; Oraka/Aparima, Hokonui and Awarua rūnanga representatives; Rakiura Tītī Islands Committee members; Rakiura Tītī Islands Administering Body members</p> <p>NTS staff provided a presentation to explain the project and possible environmental effects and measures to avoid, remedy or mitigate them. Various questions were asked about the general operation, seabed effects, the potential benefits to the Rakiura community, effects of lighting on seabirds and proposals for a Dark Sky Sanctuary, navigation and access through the proposed site, and potential monitoring sites (including a request that Halfmoon Bay be included in water column monitoring). NTS staff provided answers to each of these questions to assist attendees to further understand the project.</p> <p>Following the hui all attendees were invited (and those available attended) a site visit. This allowed whānau first-hand experience to see and feel the proposed area. NTS staff gave explanations during the site visit and answered various questions.</p> <p>Ōraka/Aparima rūnanga representatives present expressed support for the project (note summary of earlier discussions with Hokonui and Awarua rūnanga representatives above).</p>
31 October 2019	<p>Hui with Waihopai rūnanga chair/upoko</p> <p>NTS staff provided a presentation to explain the project and possible environmental effects and measures to avoid, remedy or mitigate them. Support for the project was expressed. A number</p>



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	of questions were asked about operational matters, and the effects of the proposed project on tītī and tio were discussed.
5 November 2019	Rakiura Tītī Islands Committee NTS staff provided a presentation to explain the project and possible environmental effects and measures to avoid, remedy or mitigate them. General questions were asked about the operations, effects of lighting and mesh size on tītī and how the proposal could affect tio, which were responded to by the NTS staff present.
26 August 2020	Informal Hananui discussion with Bluff Oyster Management Company and Skippers Hui to discuss the Hananui proposal, answer questions on potential effects to the wild oyster fishery, biosecurity and disease, monitoring, mitigation and general questions from the group.
3 March 2021	Hui with papatipu rūnanga NTS staff provided an update on progress with the consent application, and also sought papatipu rūnanga input into the decision about whether to apply to become a referred project under the CRFTCA. Information was provided on the CRFTCA process and questions from papatipu rūnanga about the process were answered. At the end of the hui indicated their support for an application for referral to be made.
17 June 2021	Rakiura Māori Land Trust NTS staff provided a presentation to explain the project and possible environmental effects and measures to avoid, remedy or mitigate them. General questions were asked about the effects and the proposed operations, which were responded to by the NTS staff present.
27 July 2021	Technical hui with DOC and ES A collective hui of technical experts was held in Christchurch with the relevant marine species technical experts from DOC, ES and NTS staff attending, as well as planners from the Department and Stantec (on behalf of NTS). As a result of this hui a decision was made to prepare draft management plans for marine species as part of the consent process, rather than requiring them to be prepared post-consent grant through consent conditions.
17 August 2021	NTS establish a Manawhenua Working Group NTS provided the four Murihiku papatipu rūnanga individually with an update on the HAP, an invitation for to nominate a representative to take part in a Hananui Aquaculture Manawhenua Working Group (MWG), Terms of Reference, and information around upcoming hui dates.
September 2021	Separate technical hui with DOC, Fisheries New Zealand and ES Three technical hui were held with the relevant benthic and water column technical experts from each organisation, to discuss the draft seabed management and monitoring recommendations report. Following the hui NTS undertook to request Cawthron to update the report and make it available for further comments from the technical staff of the other organisations.
October 2021	Rakiura Māori Land Trust NTS, Ngāi Tahu Holdings and Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu staff provided an additional presentation to explain the project and possible environmental effects and measures to avoid, remedy or mitigate them. The Ngāi Tahu representatives answered additional queries regarding the Hananui project. The RMLT later indicated that they were satisfied their questions were answered fully and the majority of the trustees were happy to support the Hananui application.
November – December 2021	Separate technical hui with DOC and Fisheries New Zealand on draft marine species management plans Draft marine species management plans were provided to technical experts from each organisation for review and comment, and discussed at each hui. Following the hui NTS noted that the draft plans would be updated and provided to manawhenua for comment.
14 February 2022	Hui with MWG NTS convened a meeting of the MWG to receive comments on the draft marine species management plans. Each technical expert providing advice to NTS also attended to answer any questions. The MWG indicated support for the draft management plans, but requested that some changes were made to better reflect papatipu rūnanga concerns.
February 2022	Hui with Biosecurity New Zealand A hui was held with technical staff from Biosecurity New Zealand to enable the NTS technical experts to discuss comments from Biosecurity New Zealand. Following the hui NTS undertook to



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	provide an updated draft biosecurity management plan to Biosecurity New Zealand for further comment.
15 June 2022	<p>Hui with Fisheries New Zealand</p> <p>A hui was held to discuss the draft seabird management plan with Fisheries New Zealand technical staff and to agree an approach in relation to the Government's Open Ocean Aquaculture Guidelines for seabirds.</p>
20 June 2022	<p>Rakiura Community Benefits and Aspirations Hui</p> <p>The NTS attendees provided a brief overview of how the proposal was a good fit for Ngāi Tahu and potential for the HAP to contribute to regional development for Murihiku and Rakiura. A brief update was provided on the application for resource consent and progress made since the last hui held by NTS on Rakiura. NTS presented the concept of three charitable trust funds, Community, Environmental and Health & Education, that would commence assuming the Hananui site is consented, and once commercial salmon production has started.</p> <p>The general feedback on the concept of establishing these three funds was positive, with more details to be worked through and finalised when the Hananui application is successful.</p> <p>A few of the key topics and challenges facing the Rakiura community that could potentially benefit from support the Hananui project funds could offer were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Energy – the current supply and cost of diesel generated energy. It was noted that there has been some discussion regarding a proposal for a new power cable being run to Rakiura from Te Waipounamu, and the potential synergy of this to support the Hananui aquaculture site. Other forms of alternative energy were also discussed, including potential for hydro development, solar energy, wave/tidal power and demand side management; • Housing and the lack of land available and suitable for establishing more housing; • Communication and internet services; • The need for childcare to support the voluntary secretarial services that are provided for the various community groups; • Predator Free Rakiura, including potential synergies with the Hananui project; • Future employment opportunities through the Hananui project for current and future residents of Rakiura <p>It was suggested that NTS make use of the Stewart Island News publication to communicate with the wider community, and that further hui be held to take the proposed project out to the wider community. NTS agreed that this further engagement would be undertaken, including the opportunity to be available during the day for whānau and public to walk in to discuss the project.</p>
7 July 2022	<p>Hui with DOC</p> <p>NTS provided an update to DOC staff on progress with the application, and agreed a process moving forward for consultation as the application under the CRFTCA was completed.</p>
10 August 2022	<p>Hui with DOC, Fisheries New Zealand and ES</p> <p>An update on the technical work in relation to potential effects on the seabed was provided, and further feedback received on the draft seabed recommendations report.</p>
29 August 2022	<p>Hui with DOC, Fisheries New Zealand and ES</p> <p>A hui was held with technical staff to further discuss the draft seabed recommendations report, and to review draft consent conditions relating to the management of effects on the seabed and water column.</p>
28 September 2022	<p>Hui with MWG and papatipu rūnanga representatives</p> <p>A hui was undertaken to seek guidance on the incorporation of the Āpiti Hono Tātai Hono assessment into the consent application under the CRFTCA. The opportunity was also taken to update the MWG and papatipu rūnanga representatives on progress with the project and to obtain feedback on the overall structure of the consent application.</p>
6 & 7 October 2022	<p>Bluff and Rakiura Community drop-in sessions – information sessions for the local communities</p> <p>NTS conducted two full-day community workshops or information drop-sessions in Bluff on 6 October, and on Rakiura on 7 October. NTS and the technical experts for seabed, seabird, and</p>



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	marine mammals matters presented their topics and answered questions raised by the community on various aspects of the proposal.
26 October 2022	<p>Hui with MWG representatives</p> <p>A hui was undertaken to enable a final pre-lodgement review of the various draft management plans, and to discuss the drafting of section 2 of the application report. Feedback was received and adjustments to the text made. A key outcome of this hui was an agreement between NTS and the manawhenua representatives present that a consent term of no more than 25 years would be sought, recognising the generational management of activities that Ngāi Tahu ki Murihiku practices.</p>
2023 - Post-Lodgement of CRFTCA Application – Comments sought by the Panel	
30 January 2023	<p>Written comment sought by the Panel</p> <p><i>The Panel considered the application and what parties it considered appropriate to invite written comment from in accordance with clause 17(8) of Schedule 6 of the Act. 8. The Panel considered it appropriate to invite comment from Southland District Council, Te Ohu Kaimoana, and Rakiura Māori Lands Trust. The EPA issued invitations to comment on behalf of the Panel 30 January 2023.</i></p>
1 February 2023	<p>Written comment sought by the Panel</p> <p><i>At the direction of the Panel, the EPA sent Fish Mainland Roopu Ika ki Te Waipounamu an invitation to comment on 31 January 2023.</i></p>
14 February 2023	<p>Written comments received by the EPA</p> <p><i>Written comments were received by 14 February from:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department of Conservation • Environment Southland • Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga • Maritime New Zealand • Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage • Minister of Climate Change • Ministry for Primary Industries • Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society • Murihiku Aquaculture Group • Rakiura Marine Guardians Incorporated • Rakiura Titi Islands Administering Body • Southland Conservation Board • Southland Regional Development Agency • Rakiura Community and Environment Trust • Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu and Ngāi Tahu ki Murihiku • Yellow-eyed Penguin Trust <p><i>The majority of the written comments received related to the overall proposal, however specific comments relating to proposed conditions were also provided in several cases.</i></p>
21 February 2023	<p>Response to comments received</p> <p>On 21 February 2023, NTS provided a response to the comments received by the EPA on the HAP consent application. The response included a cover letter and legal memorandum, a review of the Boffa Miskell landscape assessment commissioned by ES, responses to comments relating to landscape and natural character, a response from the Cawthron Institute on comments received relating to seabed effects, policy analysis relating to comments on seabed effects, and responses to the rest of the comments received.</p>
2025 - Pre-lodgement of FTAA Application	
April - May 2025	<p>Emails and hui with ES – Updates to the proposal, consultation approach and timeframes</p> <p>NTS / Stantec provided ES with background information to inform the upcoming hui.</p> <p>A hui was then undertaken to present updates to the proposal since the CRFTCA decision, areas of interest and the ongoing consultation process between NTS and ES.</p> <p>ES staff shared follow-up information to provide context on several specific areas of interest.</p>



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April - June 2025	<p>Emails and hui with MPI – Updates to the proposal, consultation approach and timeframes</p> <p>A hui was undertaken to discuss updates to the proposal since the CRFTCA decision, areas of interest and ongoing consultation process between NTS and MPI.</p> <p>Series of follow up emails between NTS / HPT and MPI to discuss and clarify consultation approach and timeframes.</p>
May – June 2025	<p>Emails and hui with DOC – Updates to the proposal, consultation approach and timeframes</p> <p>Emails exchanged to reintroduce DOC to the HAP. A hui was then undertaken to introduce the DOC Permissions Advisor for Fast Track Application assigned to the HAP, and to discuss changes to the proposal following the CRFTCA application, areas of interest and the ongoing consultation process between NTS and DOC.</p>
May - June 2025	<p>Emails with MfE</p> <p>NTS sent MfE a Pre-Application Consultation Request for a Schedule 2 Listed Project, as required under s11 of the FTAA. MfE provided response letter on 6 June 2025.</p>
29 May 2025	<p>Hui with NTS and various Mayors and other representatives of Southland District Council, Invercargill City Council, Great South</p> <p>A hui was undertaken between NTS and various Mayors and representatives of Southland District Council, Invercargill City Council, and Great South. NTS presented the project overview and updates to the proposal since the CRFTCA decision, and answered questions raised across a number of topics. NTS also shared information on the community consultation process, which attendees agreed to support going forward.</p>
June – October 2025	<p>Emails and hui with ES – Natural State Waters</p> <p>Email correspondence and several hui to discuss and get direction from ES on RCP provisions relating to 'Natural State' water.</p>
18 June 2025	<p>Hui with MPI – Aquaculture Decision Information Requirements</p> <p>Hui with MPI's Aquaculture & Fisheries Permitting staff to share the draft commercial fisheries report, confirm the FTAA process for aquaculture decisions, and to discuss the information requirements for the aquaculture decision to be made.</p>
25 June – 25 August 2025	<p>Thrive Engagement with DOC – Recreation Assessment</p> <p>Thrive contacted DOC on behalf of NTS, seeking their views on the potential effects of the HAP on public access, perceived amenity and recreation values, and enjoyment of the area. DOC confirmed the matters it believed the assessment should cover, provided data to support the evaluation, and confirmed that it did not currently hold information on water-based recreation or boating activities in the vicinity.</p>
June – October 2025	<p>Thrive Engagement with various recreation and tourism stakeholders</p> <p>On behalf of NTS and in the preparation of the recreation impact assessment, Thrive engaged with various recreation and tourism stakeholders who were identified via a literature review and direct contact with known users of the study area. In person and Teams sessions were held with representatives of anglers, including charter boat operators, the Department of Conservation, Great South, yacht clubs, Dive South and other tourism operators.</p>
3 July 2025	<p>Emails with MPI – Biosecurity</p> <p>Principal Advisers in Biosecurity New Zealand's Risk Advice Group emailed NTS to provide initial advice on the HAP's Biosecurity Management Plan. This advice was responded to and incorporated into the relevant reports and management plan.</p>
July 2025	<p>Hui with Southport – Infrastructure and Vessel Cleaning</p> <p>NTS conducted a hui with Chief Executive of Southport Nigel Gear to discuss and invite comment on updates to the HAP following the CRFTCA decision, infrastructure, and land-based vessel cleaning.</p>
18 July – 3 October 2025	<p>DOC, MPI and ES Review of the draft Shark, Marine Mammal and Seabirds AEEs and Management Plans</p> <p>DOC and MPI were provided the draft shark, marine mammal and seabird AEEs and management plans to review and provide comment on. The reports were updated to address</p>



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	<p>comments and DOC and MPI were either provided the updated reports and/or provided with an explanation of how their comments had been addressed.</p> <p>ES reviewed and provided comments on the shark reports. The reports were updated to address their comments.</p> <p>ES provided some commentary on the marine mammal and seabird reports but did not seek any changes to be made.</p>
29 July 2025	<p>Reestablishment of MWG</p> <p>NTS provided the four Murihiku papatipu rūnanga individually with an update on the proposal, an invitation to nominate a representative to the Hananui Aquaculture Manawhenua Working Group, Terms of Reference, and information around hui dates.</p>
25 August 2025	<p>Hui with Cawthron and DOC – seabed</p> <p>A hui was held with DOC to discuss the seabed deposition modelling approach and initial results, to aid DOC with their upcoming review of the seabed assessment.</p>
26 August 2025	<p>Hui with Cawthron and MPI – seabed</p> <p>A hui was held with MPI to discuss the seabed deposition modelling approach and initial results, to aid MPI with their upcoming review of the seabed assessment.</p>
4 September 2025 – 11 September 2025	<p>Further information to MPI relating to aquaculture decision</p> <p>At the request of MPI's Aquaculture & Fisheries Permitting staff, NTS gave an update on the likely lodgement date for the FTAA application and provided a plan and details e.g. coordinates, area, for the HAP site. A shapefile of the HAP site boundaries was also provided.</p>
11 September 2025	<p>Hananui Aquaculture Project Update Provided to Various Commercial Fishing Groups</p> <p>NTS provided the following groups with an update on the HAP proposal, changes made in response to previous comments, and the opportunity to provide comment on the assessment of effects on commercial fishing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PāuaMAC 5 • CRA8 • BCO5 • BOMC • PIC • Inshore NZ <p>Groups were provided with the opportunity to ask any questions and/or to see any other technical reports, and CRA8 requested and was provided with the Navigational Risk Assessment.</p>
11 September 2025	<p>Hananui Aquaculture Project Update Provided to Various Local Community Groups</p> <p>NTS provided the following groups with an update on the HAP proposal, changes made in response to previous comments, and the opportunity to set-up a time for an in-person hui to discuss the project on Rakiura:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rakiura whānau members, to distribute wider whānau • Predator Free Rakiura • Future Rakiura • SDC Mayor • SIRCET • RMLT • Great South • Rakiura Tītī Islands Administering Body • Rakiura Tītī committee
11 September 2025	<p>Emails with Southport</p> <p>NTS provided Southport with an update to the proposal, the navigational risk assessment, and the front-end engineering design report and site drawings for their review comments. Southport acknowledged the update and did not have any substantial feedback.</p>
18 September 2025 – 18 November	<p>CRA8 Review of Navigational Risk Assessment and Letter of Support</p> <p>CRA8 returned positive review comments on the Navigational Risk Assessment report, and subsequently provided NTS a letter of support.</p>
19 September 2025	<p>PāuaMac 5 Review of Fisheries Assessment and Letter of Support</p>



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	PāuaMac 5 returned two review comments on the draft fisheries assessment report and provided NTS with a letter of support for the HAP proposal.
24 September 2025	ES s30 written notice ES provided written notice to NTS, in accordance with Section 30 of the FTAA, that there are no existing resource consents to which Section 124C(1)(c) or Section 165ZI of the RMA would apply.
26 September 2025	Hui with MWG representatives – HAP update and technical reports A hui was undertaken to provide an update on the HAP following the CRFTCA decision, and to enable a review of the seabird, shark, and marine mammals assessment of effects and management plans. NTS also provided the draft biosecurity and disease risk assessment and management plan; and provided a list of all of the technical reports and assessments for the MWG to review upon their request.
26 September 2025	Emails with Rakiura Tītī Islands Administering Body, Rakiura Tītī committee – Seabirds NTS provided the Rakiura Tītī Island Administering Body and Rakiura Tītī Committee with further updates to the HAP, and the draft Seabird Assessment of Effects and Management Plan. Feedback, review comments and/or questions were sought on the seabird documents, and the groups were provided with the opportunity to see any other technical reports.
18 September – 3 October 2025	MPI & ES Review of the draft Biosecurity AEE and Management Plan MPI and ES were provided with the draft biosecurity AEE and management plan to review and provide comment on. NTS responded to MPI's queries that were provided via the Biosecurity New Zealand's Risk Advice Group, who were positive about the changes made to the HAP since the CRFTCA application. ES provided commentary that did not require any response. No updates to the reports were needed to address MPI and ES comments.
9 September – 10 October 2025	Southland Harbourmaster Review of the draft navigation assessment and front-end engineering report ES Harbourmaster was provided with the draft navigation assessment and the front-end engineering report. Feedback was addressed, including providing an Emergency Operations Procedure (EOP) for farm breakaway events to the Harbourmaster.
17 September – 7 November 2025	ES Review of draft Landscape Effects Assessment Mike Moore Landscape Architect was engaged on behalf of ES to review the draft natural character, landscape and visual assessment. Mike Moore provided initial comments on 7 October 2025. The report was updated to address the comments and sent back to Mike Moore on 20 October 2025. Mike Moore provided final peer review comments on 7 November 2025.
19 September – 10 November 2025	DOC Review of Landscape Effects Assessment DOC was provided with the draft natural character, landscape and visual assessment on 19 September, then the Ngā Hua Āpiti Hono Tatai Hono report, Cultural Impact Assessment, and supportive memo on 25 September for their review comments. The natural character, landscape and visual assessment, updated following the ES/Mike Moore review, was then provided to DOC on 3 November. On 10 November, DOC advised NTS that they have no specific concerns on the natural character, landscape and visual assessment.
30 September	Hui with ES – Project Update, Natural State Waters, Landscape Matters A hui was held with ES to discuss several matters including natural state waters, an update on the seabed and water column reports, and landscape and natural character.
30 September – 3 October 2025	ES Review of DOC Comments and Expert Responses on Seabirds and Marine Mammals ES was provided with DOC's feedback and the expert's responses on the seabird and marine mammal assessments and management plans. ES considered and provided agreement with the risk assessment and proposed mitigation methods.
1 October – 17 November 2025	ES Review of the draft Seabed AEE and Monitoring Plan Senior Scientist Nigel Keeley, from the University of Tasmania, was engaged on behalf of ES to review the seabed assessment. NTS provided the draft Seabed AEE on 1 October, and the Monitoring Plan on 2 October. Nigel Keeley, NTS and the Cawthron experts met to clarify a specific matter, then Nigel Keeley provided his expert review on 17 October. The report and monitoring plan were updated to address the comments and returned to Nigel Keeley via ES on



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	28 October. Nigel Keeley acknowledged receipt of the updated reports and provided additional comments on 17 November that were addressed by further updates to the monitoring plan.
8 October – 17 November 2025	ES Review of draft Water Column AEE Senior Scientist Nigel Keeley, from the University of Tasmania, was engaged on behalf of ES to review the water column assessment. NTS provided the draft on 8 October. Review comments were returned on 28 October. The report was then updated to address the comments and returned to ES and Nigel Keeley on 31 October. Nigel Keeley acknowledged receipt of the updated report and provided additional comments on 17 November.
8 October – 28 October 2025	DOC & MPI Review of draft Water Column AEE DOC and MPI were provided with the draft water column assessment for their review comments on 8 October. Neither DOC nor MPI had substantial feedback to provide.
8 – 29 October 2025	MWG Review of the draft Water Column Assessment NTS provided the MWG with the draft water column AEE for their review comments and discussion at the next MWG hui.
14 October 2025	Hui with SIRCET NTS met with a SIRCET (Stewart Island / Rakiura Community & Environment Trust) representative to discuss HAP proposal changes, community benefits and establishment of trusts/funds as consent conditions, and entanglement risks to seabirds and marine mammals.
14 October 2025	Rakiura Hui - Update on the HAP Proposal NTS invited Rakiura communities for a presentation and Q&A session on the HAP Update at the Stewart Island Fire Station on Tuesday 14 October from 6:30pm. NTS presented an update on the HAP proposal following the CRFTCA decision, and answered questions on farm operations, production, seabed effects, modelling, monitoring and adaptive management. Attendees included: a Future Rakiura representative, RMLT representative, and two local Rakiura whanau members.
17 October – 21 November 2025	DOC, MPI, ES & MWG Review of Proposed Consent Conditions Draft resource consent conditions were sent to DOC, MPI, ES and the MWG on 17 October. Multiple rounds of feedback on the draft conditions were provided by the stakeholders and responded to, with a set of draft resource consent conditions finalised for lodgement being sent to DOC, MPI, ES and the MWG on 21 November 2025.
21 October 2025	Email to Southland Conservation Board NTS sent an email to the Southland Conservation Board to update them on the upcoming lodgement of the FTAA application. This included a description of the refined proposal.
24 October – 21 November 2025	DOC & MPI Review of Seabed AEE and Monitoring Plan DOC and MPI were provided with the Seabed AEE with Nigel Keeley's review on behalf of ES, and Cawthron's responses to Nigel Keeley's review on 24 October. DOC and MPI were then provided with the Seabed Monitoring Plan on 28 October. The AEE and monitoring plan were updated following comments provided by MPI on 5 November and from DOC on 14 November. Letters were provided to MPI and to DOC to explain the updates made to address their comments.
29 October 2025	Hui with MWG Representatives – Biosecurity, Seabed, Water Column Assessments and Draft Consent Conditions A hui was held to provide the MWG the opportunity to discuss the biosecurity reports, seabed assessment, water column assessment, and draft consent conditions.
7 October 2025	NTS engaged with BCO5 NTS staff contacted BCO5 to discuss wild fish monitoring and a standalone agreement to provide monitoring information to key stakeholders.
31 October – 19 November 2025	DOC review of wildlife approval conditions Draft wildlife approval conditions were sent to DOC on 31 October for their feedback. DOC recommended some minor changes and additions to the wildlife approval conditions on 7



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	November and these were largely adopted. NTS updated the conditions and sent them back to DOC with an explanation of changes made on 19 November 2025.
5 November 2025	Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu formal letter of support Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu, as the statutorily recognised representative body for Ngāi Tahu Whānui, provided their formal letter of support for the HAP to accompany the FTAA application.

