
Form 6: Further submission in support of, or in opposition to, submission on notified proposed policy statement or plan, change or variation

Pursuant to clause 8 of the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act 1991

To: Waikato Regional Council (**the Council**)

Name of person making further submissions: Ministry for Primary Industries (**MPI**)

These are further submissions on the Proposed Waikato Regional Coastal Plan

Introduction

Thank you for the opportunity to make a further submission on the Proposed Waikato Regional Coastal Plan. I acknowledge the Council's effort in summarising the 1359 submissions received. These submissions traverse a range of matters, many of which align with MPI's initial submission.

MPI has an interest in the proposal that is greater than the interest the general public has as it is:

- the Government's principal adviser on aquaculture;
- the agency responsible for delivery of the Crown's settlement obligations under the Māori Commercial Aquaculture Claims Settlement Act 2004 and for the delivery of the Crown's settlement obligations under the Treaty of Waitangi (Fisheries Claims) Settlement Act 1992;
- the agency responsible for the Biosecurity Act 1993 and leading responses to New Zealand pests and diseases; and
- the Government's principal adviser on fisheries management and the agency responsible for administering the Fisheries Act 1996 (the Act).

The specific submissions I support or oppose are set out in **Schedule 1** to this submission.

I could not gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission.

I wish to be heard in support of my submission, and if others make a similar submission, I will consider presenting a joint case with them at the hearing.



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Schedule 1: Further submissions on selected submissions

#	Submitter name, address and number	Submission point number	Decision sought
1	Aquaculture New Zealand and Coromandel Marine Farmers Association Submitter 35	35.004 MPI supports (in principle) the submission that the aquaculture chapter be amended so that it provides a stand-alone framework for processing resource consent applications for aquaculture and ancillary activities. MPI also supports the proposal to clearly specify how or whether the policies and rules in other chapters apply to aquaculture activities.	MPI seeks that the whole submission be allowed.
2		35.024 MPI supports (in principle) the submission to insert provisions into the plan to enable aquaculture for restoration and conversation purposes, noting this will need to be subject to further analysis, including a biosecurity assessment, to consider appropriate activity status.	MPI seeks that the submission be allowed in part, subject to further analysis including biosecurity assessment.
3		35.026 MPI supports (in principle) the submission to include policies and rules that provide for the ability to extend an existing farm, noting this may need nuance as to whether it applies to all or only a subset of existing farms.	MPI seeks that the whole submission be allowed.
4		35.079 MPI supports (in principle) the submission to amend the definition of spat with regards to the size of green lipped mussels from " <i>d. green-lipped mussels (greenshell mussels) less than 40mm in length</i> " to " <i>d. green-lipped mussels (greenshell mussels) less than 70mm in length.</i> " This would better enable spat catching and retention activities and improve the resilience of spat supply in the region.	MPI seeks that the whole submission be allowed.
5	New Zealand Sport Fishing Council Submitter 36	36.03 MPI opposes the submission that controls on mobile bottom contact fishing methods out to the 12nm limit are needed to maintain and enhance indigenous biodiversity. This includes on the west coast where extensive restrictions on these methods have already been introduced under the Fisheries Act to protect the Māui Dolphin as part of the Hector's and Māui Dolphin Threat Management Plan. Management of trawling and Danish seining within the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park is also a part of the Government's <i>Revitalising the Gulf</i> strategy.	MPI seeks that the whole submission be disallowed.
6	Te Ohu Kaimoana Submitter 50	50.08 MPI supports (in principle) the submission to amend the plan to provide for appropriate locations to enable existing aquaculture operations to shift their operations if required to adapt to the impacts of climate change. This would complement MPI's submission (see submission point 82.20) and give effect to AQA-P6.	MPI seeks that the whole submission be allowed.

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7	Seafood New Zealand Limited Submitter 52	52.02 MPI supports the submission for the council to take actions to better manage pollution and sediments from land entering the marine environment.	MPI seeks that the whole submission be allowed.
8	Te Whakakitenga o Waikato Incorporated (Waikato-Tainui) Submitter 88	88.05 MPI supports (in principle) the submission to include provisions that enable iwi to be involved in aquaculture (including marae-based aquaculture) and assists iwi with transitioning into the aquaculture industry.	MPI seeks that the whole submission be allowed.
9	Environmental Defence Society Submitter 95	95.16 and 95.19 MPI opposes the submissions seeking greater regulation of disturbance activities (such as bottom-contact mobile fishing e.g., trawling, Danish seining and dredging) to be provided for in the proposed plan. Such an approach may undermine multi-agency integrated work programmes where measures have been put in place (or are proposed) to protect and restore the marine environment such as those under the Fisheries Act, and those relating to the Government's <i>Revitalising the Gulf</i> strategy and the Hector's and Māui Dolphin Threat Management Plan.	MPI seeks that the whole submission be disallowed.
10	Pare Hauraki Kaimoana Submitter 96	96.21 MPI supports (in principle) the proposal to include a new policy providing for fed aquaculture beyond the immediate boundaries of the Coromandel Marine Farming Area, subject to the avoidance, remediation, or mitigation of potential cumulative adverse effects on the coastal marine area.	MPI seeks that the whole submission be allowed.
11	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of New Zealand Inc Submitter 99	99.149 MPI opposes the submission to amend the ECO chapter to insert new policies and rules to control the effects of fishing in particular to exclude mobile bottom contact fishing methods. Such an approach may undermine multi-agency integrated work programmes where measures have been put in place (or are proposed) to protect and restore the marine environment such as those under the Fisheries Act, and those relating to the Government's <i>Revitalising the Gulf</i> strategy and the Hectors and Maui Dolphin Threat Management Plan.	MPI seeks that the whole submission be disallowed.
12	The Minister of Conservation Submitter 106	106.043 MPI supports (in principle) the submission to amend paragraph 6 of the AQA-Overview to better align with the NES-MA regulations which provide for more stringent rules for applications for replacement coastal permits for existing marine farms in areas identified as inappropriate for existing aquaculture activities. This relates to MPI's submission on AQA-P2 (see submission 82.16).	MPI seeks that the whole submission be allowed.