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Feed Discharge 2013

1. You have asked me how NZ King Salmon proposes to manage the Forsyth and Waihinau farms.
2. As you are aware, NZ King Salmon is moving towards a single year class model for its farms. As the name suggests, the result of this is that all of the fish on a farm are more or less the same age. Once the fish have been harvested the site is then fallowed for a period before new fish are introduced.
3. Under the multi-year class model which NZ King Salmon were previously using, it would have introduced smolt to the Forsyth farm over the course of the last month. Instead NZ King Salmon introduced those smolt into cages on the Waihinau farm.
4. In terms of feed discharge, smolt consume very little feed. By way of contrast, fish nearing or at a harvestable size (approximately 18 months) consume a significant amount of feed.
5. I set out a table below which summarises the projected feed usage through to November 2013 together with other details.

	Waihinau	Forsyth
Projected feed May 2013 (t)	2.6	166.4
Projected feed June 2013 (t)	22.8	146.8
Projected feed July 2013 (t)	38.3	157.3
Projected feed August 2013 (t)	51.7	167.2
Projected feed September 2013 (t)	72.6	143.4
Projected feed October 2013 (t)	106.4	41.8
Projected feed November 2013 (t)	134.9	0
Date smolt introduced	29 May 2013 to 6 June 2013	N/A
Site projected to be fallowed from	May 2015	November 2013
Smolt projected to be introduced	2016	May 2015

Yours faithfully
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