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Hi Bruno,

Thanks for your enquiries around the Council's obligations around requesting an aquaculture decision from MPI in respect of the three new NZKS salmon farming sites. I agree that there is a degree of interpretation available around when a 'decision' is reached. This is particularly so in this unique circumstance where a plan change is involved.

My view is that the Minister of Conservation has a substantive decision making role on the plan change which has been considered by the Board of Inquiry and Supreme Court, and the Minister has the opportunity to approve, amend or decline the plan change as he decides. Given this substantive role, I think it most appropriate that MDC await the Minister's decision on the plan change before requesting an aquaculture decision.

On this basis, and given that certain timeframes and other parts of the Act hang off the date that an aquaculture decision is requested, I'd agree that it would be best for MDC to rescind any earlier request and make the request once the plan change is decided.

Cheers, Dan

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