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Attention: Peta Brunell & Quentin Davies C/o Gascoigne Wicks PO Box 2 Blenheim 7240

File Ref: U140295 Case Officer: Bruno Brosnan

Dear Quentin and Peta,

Request for an aquaculture decision – The New Zealand King Salmon Company – Waitata Reach (U140294), Richmond Bay (U140295) & Ngamahau Bay (U140296).

In accordance with section 114 of the Resource Management Act 1991, the Marlborough District Council has formally requested that an aquaculture decision be made by the Chief Executive Officer of the Ministry of Primary Industries for the recently granted marine farms in Waitata Reach, Richmond Bay and Ngamahau Bay.

As you will be aware, the decision of the Marlborough District Council is still subject to an aquaculture decision by the chief executive of the Ministry of Primary Industries under the <u>Fisheries Act 1996</u>. This request has been made and a decision by the Ministry will be provided in due course.

Your consent may commence only in accordance with <u>section 116A</u> of the Resource Management Act 1991. Once the decision of the chief executive is made you will notified. If the chief executive requires modifications to the original consent, these will be made as soon as possible and a new decision document will be issued. If the chief executive advises that a reservation applies to the entire site, the Council will be required to cancel the permit.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns regarding the above matters.

Yours sincerely,

Brupo Brosnan

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT OFFICER