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Dear Mark

2018 New Zealand King Salmon Co. annual monitoring reporting timeframes

We are pleased to provide you with the 2018 annual monitoring report for the Kopaua salmon farm. As you are aware, consent conditions required a review of the EQS compliance zone dimensions and monitoring stations at the Waitata Reach (U140294) and Ngamahau Bay (U140296) salmon farms during this monitoring round. This exercise involved a more intensive form of monitoring (Type 3) as well as a comprehensive review of monitoring results.

Type 3 monitoring resulted in the processing of more than double the number of macrofauna samples. Accordingly, the 30 April annual reporting deadline for these consents was not practicable¹. This was flagged with MDC by Cawthron in July 2018 (and noted in Bennett et al. 2018²), and as a result, has been noted on the respective resource consent files (Abigail Mark, Marlborough District Council, pers. comm.).

As a progress update, we endeavour to have the draft annual monitoring reports for these sites to you and the Peer Review Panel by the middle of May, with final reports to Council by 31 May (contingent on a one-week turnaround time by the Peer Review Panel). Compliance assessments (i.e. without the Type 3 results) can be provided to Council earlier if required.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if further discussion required.

Yours sincerely

Scientist



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¹ The earliest possible sample collection at these sites was mid-January (as it must coincide with the anticipated period of maximum biological impact). Furthermore, the reporting timeframe was already tight for these sites due to a bottleneck created as a result of the time taken to process particularly large macrofauna samples from these areas

² Bennett H, Newcombe E, Elvines D, Dunmore R 2018. Marine environmental monitoring - adaptive management plan for salmon farms Ngamahau, Kopaua and Waitata (2018-2019). Prepared for The New Zealand King Salmon Co. Ltd. Cawthron Report No. 3211. 34 p. plus appendices.