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Good afternoon

U190438 - The New Zealand King Salmon Company Limited - Coastal Permit (Marine Farm) - North of Cape Lambert, North Marlborough

Please see attached a Memorandum of Counsel dated 25 February 2020 in which counsel for the applicant sets out a potential for a perceived conflict of interest. The potential perception relates to Commissioner Reg Proffit who works in a division of WSP Opus.

The memorandum explains that the potential for conflict arises from the applicant having undertaken some preliminary discussions with engineers at WSP Opus on matters related to the certification of salmon farming structures.

The Consents and Compliance Group Manager and the Advocacy and Practice Integration Group Manager have both considered this matter and have found that in their view no conflict exists.

Please see attached Minute #1 of the Hearing Commissioners in which Commissioner Mills has responded to this matter on behalf of the hearing panel.

Your attention is drawn to paragraphs 4 and 5 which provides parties to the hearing the opportunity to comment, whether in support or opposition, on the matter raised for the applicant.

Any responses should be by email to me no later 4.00pm Wednesday 22 April 2020.

Kind regards

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