

**BEFORE THE PROPOSED MARLBOROUGH ENVIRONMENT PLAN HEARINGS PANEL
AT BLENHEIM**

UNDER the Resource Management Act 1991
(the Act)

IN THE MATTER of a change to Marlborough's policy
statement and plans under the First
Schedule to the Act

**MEMORANDUM OF COUNSEL FOR THE MARINE FARMING ASSOCIATION
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Dated this 21st day of February 2018**

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1. This Memorandum responds to the Panel's request for further information in Minute 6, in relation to marine farms within Category A Ecologically Significant Marine Sites (ESMS) or the corresponding proposed buffer zones.
2. The requested information is set out in the table in Appendix 1.
3. Four of the five affected sites are existing mussel farms. The remaining site relates to an application for resource consent, which is currently on hold. The application site relates to an area that was consented, but never farmed.
4. The consent area of site 8002 in Catherine Cove overlaps with an ESMS. The remaining four sites overlap with the buffer zones proposed by Mr Maclennan.



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Appendix A

BAY NAME	MARINE FARM SITE NO.	SIGNIFICANT SITE No.	SPECIES/ COMMUNITY / HABITAT	ANCHOR SYSTEM	COMMENT
Catherine Cove	8002	2.13	Rhodolith beds	Consented for anchor blocks	Within ESMS
Picnic Bay (south of Hallam Cove)	8180	3.7	Rhodolith beds	Screw anchors	Within proposed buffer
Tumbledown Bay (The Knobbys), Port Underwood	8435	6.1	Tubeworm mounds	Consented for screw anchors	Within proposed buffer
Whataroa Bay, Port Underwood	8444	6.2	Tubeworm mounds	Anchor blocks	Within proposed buffer
Kaikoura Bay, Port Underwood	8445 (in buffer zone) Never farmed / lapsed Jan 2007 / Current application on hold	6.2	Tubeworm mounds	Application does not specify blocks or screw anchors	Within proposed buffer