

Proposed Marlborough Environment Plan

Minute of the Hearing Panel

Minute 6

At the Marlborough Environment Plan hearing on Topic 6: Indigenous Biodiversity on 14 February 2018, Mr Quentin Davies presented legal submissions on behalf of the Marine Farming Association Incorporated and Aquaculture New Zealand Limited. In those submissions, Mr Davies raised a concern regarding the potential of Rule 16.7.5, as proposed to be amended in the Section 42A report or Mr Maclennan, to adversely affect the anchoring systems of five existing marine farms.

Mr Maclennan recommends that anchoring also be prohibited for "Category A" Ecologically Significant Marine Sites.

To assist with its deliberations on this matter, the Panel requests that further information be provided by the submitters, as follows:

- The location and the Council reference number of the five marine farms that the submitters referred to in the legal submissions.
- The relevant ESMS numbers within which (or near in the case of proposed buffers) the marine farms are anchored.
- The nature of the anchor (i.e., screw anchor, mooring block, other).

Dated 15 February 2018

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T Hook', followed by a period.

Councillor Trevor Hook

Chair of the MEP Hearing Panel