

**BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENT COURT  
CHRISTCHURCH REGISTRY**

**I MUA I TE KOTI TAIAO O AOTEAROA  
OTAUTAHI ROHE**

**ENV-2020-CHC-000033**

**IN THE MATTER** of the Resource Management Act 1991

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER** of an appeal under clause 14 of Schedule 1 of the Act

**BETWEEN** **Friends of Nelson Haven and Tasman Bay  
Incorporated**

Appellant

**AND** **Marlborough District Council**

Respondent

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**NOTICE OF JEFFREY VAL MEACHEN'S WISH TO BE PARTY TO PROCEEDINGS**

Dated 8 June 2020

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**To:** The Registrar  
Environment Court  
Christchurch

1. Jeffrey Val Meachen (**Mr Meachen**) wishes to be a party to the following proceedings:

(a) ENV-2020-CHC-000033 *Friends of Nelson Haven and Tasman Bay Inc. v Marlborough District Council*, being an appeal against decisions of the Marlborough District Council (**Council**) on the Proposed Marlborough Environment Plan (**PMEP**).

2. Mr Meachen is a person who made a submission about the subject matter of the proceedings. He is also a person who has an interest in the proceedings that is greater than the interest that the general public has, as the owner of marine farm 8217 in Tawhitinui Bay who will be directly affected by the relief that is sought in this appeal.

3. Mr Meachen is not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308C or 308CA of the Resource Management Act 1991.

4. Mr Meachen is interested in all of the proceedings.

5. Mr Meachen is interested in the following particular issues:

*Landscape and natural character*

(a) Any amendment to the mapping of Outstanding Natural Landscapes and Features (**ONLF**) in Landscape Map 4 of Volume 4 of the PMEP;

(b) Any revision of the High and Very High Natural Character mapping in Natural Character Rating Map 3 of Volume 4 of the PMEP;

(c) The methodology and content of the Landscape Schedule of Values at Appendix 1 of Volume 3 and the Coastal Natural Character Schedule of Values at Appendix 2 of Volume 3 of the PMEP; and

(d) Appendix 4 of Volume 3 of the PMEP.

*Indigenous biodiversity*

- (a) Any amendment that seeks to include additional King Shag breeding and roosting areas, particularly Site 3.22, as an Ecologically Significant Marine Site (**ESMS**) in Appendix 27 and associated mapping in Volume 4;
  - (b) Any amendment which seeks to include the Important Bird Area (**IBA**) map into the PMEP as an ESMS;
  - (c) Policy 8.3.5 in Volume 1, Chapter 8; and
  - (d) Rule 16.6.6 and 16.7.6 in Volume 2, Chapter 16.
6. Mr Meachen supports, in part, the review of the mapping of the ONLFs and areas of High and Very High Natural Character, but opposes any amendments that seek to extend those areas or fail to recognise marine farms as being part of the existing environment in the Marlborough Sounds.
7. Mr Meachen otherwise opposes the relief sought because:
- (a) It is not in accordance with good planning practice and it does not meet the purposes of the Act;
  - (b) The inclusion of the new breeding colony at Tawhitinui should be by way of a variation to the PMEP or by later plan change in order to appropriately assess the inclusion of the site as an ESMS and the extent of any relevant buffer areas; and
  - (c) The Hearing Panel correctly determined that there is no scope to include the IBA map. The IBA maps are too imprecise and non-specific to king shag.

8. Mr Meachen agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.



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**Advice**

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