

**IN THE ENVIRONMENT COURT OF NEW ZEALAND
CHRISTCHURCH REGISTRY**

**I TE KŌTI TAIAO O AOTEAROA
ŌTAUTAHI ROHE**

ENV-2020-CHC-78

IN THE MATTER of an appeal pursuant to Clause 14 of Schedule 1 of the
Resource Management Act 1991

BETWEEN **EAST BAY CONSERVATION SOCIETY INCORPORATED**

Appellant

AND **MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT COUNCIL**

Respondent

**NOTICE OF MARINE FARMING ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED AND AQUACULTURE
NEW ZEALAND TO BECOME PARTIES TO THE APPEAL
Dated this 8th day of June 2020**

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To The Registrar
Environment Court
Christchurch

Name of Person who wishes to be Party

- 1 Marine Farming Association Incorporated (“MFA”), of Blenheim, and Aquaculture New Zealand (“AQNZ”), of Nelson, wish to be parties to the following proceedings: ENV-2020-CHC-78, an appeal by East Bay Conservation Society (“EBCS”) against parts of the Marlborough District Council's decision on the proposed Marlborough Environment Plan (“proposed Plan”).
- 2 MFA and AQNZ have an interest in the proceedings that is greater than the interest that the general public has (as the regional and national representative bodies for the aquaculture industry). MFA and AQNZ made a submission about the subject matter of the proceedings.

Trade competition

- 3 MFA and AQNZ are not trade competitors for the purposes of section 308C or 308CA of the Resource Management Act 1991 (“the Act”).

The Proceedings

- 4 MFA and AQNZ are interested in parts of the proceedings.
- 5 The parts of the proceedings that MFA and AQNZ are interested in are:¹
 - (a) Outstanding Natural Landscapes maps, Volume 4;
 - (b) Coastal Natural Character maps, Volume 4;
 - (c) Appendix 2; and
 - (d) Other appeal points relevant to landscape and natural character.

Relief sought

- 6 MFA and AQNZ conditionally oppose the relief sought because it is inconsistent with the Act, the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement 2010 (“NZCPS”), and regional coastal plans in other regions. Further, the relief sought is inconsistent with the requirement to plan strategically in NZCPS policy 7, and with the requirement to provide for aquaculture in appropriate places in terms

¹ Provision numbers correspond to those in the Decisions Version of the proposed Plan.

of NZCPS policy 8. Where relevant, the relief sought by the MFA and AQNZ in appeal ENV-2020-CHC-74 should be preferred.

7 Should the relief sought by the MFA and AQNZ in their appeal ENV-2020-CHC-74 be granted, that may go some way to addressing the aquaculture industry's concerns in respect of this appeal.

8 MFA and AQNZ support the reasoning of EBCS in so far as they say:

(a) There is little or no difference between parts of the seascape of East Bay that are mapped as having very high natural character and those that are not; and

(b) That "the marine farms in East Bay do not detract from its ONFL."

Dispute resolution

9 MFA and AQNZ agree to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.



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Note to person wishing to be a party

You must lodge the original and 1 copy of this notice with the Environment Court within 15 working days after–

- the period for lodging a notice of appeal ends, if the proceedings are an appeal; or
- the decision to hold an inquiry, if the proceedings are an inquiry; or
- the proceedings are commenced, in any other case.

Your right to be a party to the proceedings in the Court may be limited by the trade competition provisions in section 274(1) and Part 11A of the Resource Management Act 1991. The notice must be signed by you or on your behalf.

You must serve a copy of this notice on the relevant local authority and the person who commenced the proceedings within the same 15 working day period and serve copies of this notice on all other parties within 5 working days after that period ends.

However, you may apply to the Environment Court under section 281 of the Resource Management Act 1991 for a waiver of the above timing or service requirements (*see form 38*).

Advice

If you have any questions about this notice, contact the Environment Court in Auckland, Wellington, or Christchurch.