

IN THE MATTER of the Resource Management Act 1991

AND

IN THE MATTER of application U190438 by The New Zealand King Salmon Company Limited for Coastal Permit (Marine Farm) – North of Cape Lambert, North Marlborough

BEFORE **Marlborough District Council (MDC)**

Minute # 4 of the Hearing Commissioners – MPI Evidence

1. The Panel received an application on behalf of the Ministry for Primary Industries (the MPI application) seeking leave to file further evidence out of time. Specifically a map that shows estimated trawl tracks in the area surrounding the application site, and an accompanying statement to explain the map (together called the “information”).
2. The information has a higher level of detail than other information that has been presented at the hearing. However, the information is commercially sensitive to fishers for reasons explained in the MPI application. For this reason, MPI seeks and order that the information be provided only to the members of the Panel, and the Applicant.
3. Paragraph 9 of the MPI application identified specific confidentiality orders sought that effectively mean that the information is not available to the submitters or the general public.
4. We have carefully considered the request and have decided to deny the request to file the evidence out of time and to issue confidentiality orders.
5. This is because at this stage we consider that this information is not required to assist us in our decision making. As a result confidentiality orders are not required.
6. I direct that the Administrator and Hearings Facilitator, Sue Bulfield-Johnston, circulate this minute and all information outlined above to all parties to the proceedings.

Dated: 17 November 2021.



Craig Welsh

Chairman