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Kia Ora Alasdair

***Request for Further Information under Section 92(1) of the Resource Management Act 1991 - Application for a Coastal permit for one marine farm.***

Thank you for lodging an application for a Coastal Permit for a marine farm for oysters at Nathan's Island, Stewart Island.

I require further information to help me better understand the potential or actual effects from your proposal. Once I have this information I can then make a recommendation on the notification of your application.

Please provide<sup>[1]</sup>, in accordance with Section 92(1) of the Resource Management Act, the following information:

1. Clarify which location this application is for. The proposal is contradictory and focuses details on Nathan's Island but then discusses several locations for marine farms at Horseshoe Bay and Horseshoe Nugget.
2. Confirm what species of oyster will be farmed. The proposed conditions either mention two different species or it is a typographical error.
3. Clarify the total volume of oysters that are expected to be produced from the Nathan's Island site alone in 2020. The application is unclear if the number of oysters is for all three sites or specific to the Nathan's Island site.
4. The application is unclear on if there will be a change to the current operation with regard to the number of crayfish (cray) pots used and the number of buoys used. I need to make a determination on what the magnitude of the change is. It is helpful if you discuss the difference between the current operation and proposed operation in the assessment of environmental effects. Details that I require to assess this change are:

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- a. Identify how many buoys have been used on the Nathan's Island site while operating under the current permit. The previous consent restricted the number of cray pots, and this application requests a restriction on the number of buoys instead. Because of this change, it would be helpful for me to understand if there is going to be an increase or decrease in the number of buoys with the new proposal.
  - b. Clarify of how many cray pots have been used under the current operation and how many will be used going forward under the new proposal the Nathan's Island site. The application outlines that 61 cray pots were used and the consent allowed for 33 pots to be used at the Nathan's Island site.
  - c. Identify how many baskets, and how many sets of baskets, you anticipate to use at the Nathan's Island site and outline if this differs from what has previously been occurring under the current proposal.
5. Discuss any monitoring that was undertaken under the previous permit and what it showed by:
  - a. Identify if there was marine farming activities occurring on the site when monitoring was undertaken.
  - b. Provide a copy of the report written by Brian Stewart from Ryder Consulting. The summary report in the application refers to the report written by Ryder Consulting and it would be helpful to have a copy of the actual report.
  - c. Clarify if monitoring was only undertaken once in 2017.
    - i. If not, include the other reports or summaries of results.
  - d. Identify the location of where monitoring was undertaken by providing map references, GPS points or an accurate map with the sample points marked on it.
6. Details of the proposed monitoring regime:
  - a. Assess if the control sites are appropriate and whether they should be continued to be used as control sites in the ongoing monitoring regime.
  - b. Identification if the monitoring from the proposed control sites will occur in the same map reference / GPS point every time monitoring is undertaken.
    - i. If not, explain why not.
7. An explanation for why the landscape and seascape at the Nathan's Island site is not "outstanding". This area has been identified in the Boffa Miskell Study *Stewart Island: Landscape and Coastal Natural Character Study* and shown on Map 9 of that study. The application identifies that these sites don't fit the definition of "outstanding" however it does not explain why. My understanding of the study is that, despite some areas being modified, they can still be an outstanding natural landscape (areas with the least modification, but modified all the same).

- a. Include information explaining why the landscape beyond Lee Bay better fits the “outstanding” category.
  - b. If the landscape is identified as being “outstanding”, assess the adverse effects of the activity on the outstanding landscape.
  - c. If the landscape is identified as being “outstanding”, outline measures which will be taken (if additional to what is already identified in the application), to avoid, remedy or mitigate the adverse effects of the proposal.
8. Provide evidence to show that the emission of noise from the vessels is a permitted activity under Rule 5.3.6 of the Regional Coastal Plan. The assessment of effects on noise is not for the proposed vessels which will be used.
  9. Clarification if the monthly anti-foul regime of oysters and gear is proposed to continue. The application outlines that this is currently done.

Notification of your application is postponed until receipt of this information.

Under Section 92A of the RMA you have until 15 working days from the date of this request, which we calculate to be 12 August 2019, to either provide the information, tell the Council, in writing, either that you agree to provide the information or that you refuse to provide the information.

If you refuse to provide the information requested, or if you do not respond to this request, the Council may decline the application on the grounds that it has inadequate information to determine the application.

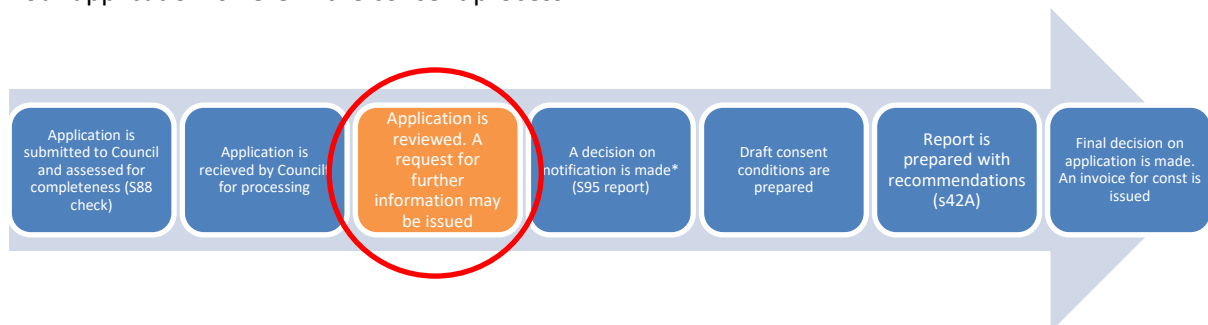
Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this request.

Yours sincerely



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**Senior Consents Officer**

Your application is here in the consent process:



\*If your application is assessed as needing to be limited or publically notified, you will be contacted regarding the process for these pathways.