

SOUTHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL
RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT
HEARING OF RESOURCE CONSENT APPLICATION BY
ZANE SMITH AND JAMES MAASS-BARRETT APP20181316

MINUTE #2 OF THE HEARING COMMISSIONER

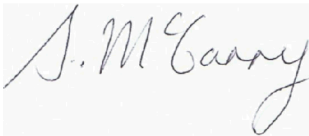
1. The hearing for application APP20181316 by Zane Smith and James Maass-Barrett (**‘the Applicant’**) for resource consents associated with the establishment and operation of three new marine farm sites in Big Glory Bay, Stewart Island commenced at 10am on Monday 16 September 2019.
2. The hearing was adjourned following the presentation of submitter evidence to allow for the Reporting Officer to consider all of the evidence presented and to provide an addendum to the s42A Report addressing the potential effects on phytoplankton carrying capacity and navigational safety matters.
3. At the hearing, I raised the need for the Applicant to provide further information relating to the phytoplankton carrying capacity of Big Glory Bay. I requested evidence to support the Applicant’s assertion that mussel volumes produced had peaked at higher levels in the past, without any measured adverse effects on phytoplankton carrying capacity. I also raised the need for the Applicant to consider the need for use of the ‘Pelagic Effect Assessment Criterion’ from the Aquaculture Stewardship Council or similar scientific method to demonstrate the proposed additional mussel farming is within the carrying capacity of Big Glory Bay.
4. During my site visit on Friday 20 September 2019, I also noted the need for the Applicant to provide further information confirming the current operation of navigational lights installed on existing marine farms within Big Glory Bay.
5. The purpose of this Minute is to set out timeframes for the provision of further information set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 above from the Applicant and an addendum to the s42A Report from the Reporting Officer; and for the circulation of that material for written comment from the submitter. As discussed at the hearing, this Minute sets out the timeframes for the provision of the further information requested and further written comment to ensure all parties have sufficient opportunity to respond to any new information.
6. I request the provision of the following further information and written comments within the following timeframes:

Action	Date required
Applicant to provide further information regarding phytoplankton carrying capacity and existing navigational lights.	4pm, 2 October 2019
Reporting Officer to provide addendum addressing phytoplankton carrying capacity,	4pm, 9 October 2019

<p>navigation safety and effects on the exercise of existing consents.</p>	
<p>Submitter to provide written comments on further information and addendum to the s42A Report.</p>	<p>4pm, 16 October 2019</p>
<p>Reporting Officer to provide final recommendation and set of proposed conditions.</p>	<p>4pm, 23 October 2019</p>
<p>Applicant to provide a written right of reply and final set of proposed conditions and attached plans.</p>	<p>4pm, 30 October 2019</p>

7. All further information and written comments shall be provided to Ms Lacey Bragg at the SRC. If any party wishes to seek further clarification in relation to this Minute or the hearing process please contact Ms Bragg in the first instance, by email: lacey.bragg@es.govt.nz or by phone on 032115115.

DATED 23 September 2019



Sharon McGarry
Independent Hearing Commissioner