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From: George Gericke
Sent: Monday, 4 April 2022 3:59 pm
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Cc: James Lewis
Subject: Request for Further Information s92(1) APP-20221926
Attachments: Fiordland Coastal Waters Context March 2022.pdf; Wilderness and Remoteness Values of Fiordland Waters - Lindis Consulting - final report 22.2.22.pdf

Tēnā koe Nate

Thank you for applying for resource consent to carry out commercial surface water activities in the coastal waters of Fiordland. The application has been formally received. However, I will need further information from you before your application can progress.

This email outlines the information I am requesting, the reasons for the request, your options and how they affect you. **Please read the points below carefully or have someone explain them to you.**

The following information is requested under Section 92(1) of the Resource Management Act 1991. I will need the information requested below to understand your proposal before I can make a recommendation on notification.

Please provide:

1. A more detailed assessment of the proposal against the provisions of Objective 16.1.3 and Policies 4.7.1 and 16.2.8 of the Coastal Plan and the potential cumulative adverse effects on **cultural, ecological and remoteness and wilderness values of Tamatea/Dusky Sound, Te Rā/Dagg Sound, Te Puaitaha/Breaksea Sound and the Southern Fiords**, preferably with someone qualified in assessment of effects on these values. While I acknowledge that the proposed activity is small in scale compared to some other existing commercial surface water activities operating in Fiordland, the application has not appropriately considered the potential cumulative effects from the presence of an additional vessel and its associated activities on the abovementioned values of these areas.

As communicated to you during pre-application consultation prior to the lodgement of the application, Fiordland Marine Guardians and Te Ao Marama Inc. have raised strong concerns about the current level of activities, the number of new proposed activities in the Fiordland CMA and the potential cumulative effects on natural character, remoteness and wilderness values of the Fiordland CMA, and Tamatea/Dusky Sound, Te Rā/Dagg Sound and Te Puaitaha/Breaksea Sound in particular. Council is also aware that other agencies hold views as to increased commercial surface water activity in these areas, based on correspondence received over the last 2-3 years.

For your consideration I also attach two reports that were commissioned by Council to inform the current Coastal Plan Review process which describes wilderness and remoteness values for each of the five fiord complexes, and holds information on the current levels of use of different parts of the Fiordland CMA for commercial surface water activities. The reports are:

- Robertson R & Graham B (2022), *Fiordland Coastal Waters Context*, SLWP client report prepared for Southland Regional Council
- Booth, K. (2022). *Wilderness and Remoteness Values of Fiordland Waters*. Prepared for Environment Southland Te Taiao Tonga by Lindis Consulting, New Zealand.

I recommend that you also consult with Te Rūnanga o Makaawhio and CRA8. There is shared kaitiaki responsibility between the runanga of Murihiku, represented by Te Ao Marama Inc, with Te Rūnanga o Makaawhio for the Milford Sound/Piopiota area (see Policy 3.3.4[1] of Te Tangi a Taura). I note your operation is between Yates Point and Puysegur Point, so takes in the Milford Sound/Piopiota area. CRA8 is a point of contact for the fishing industry in the

area. You are not compelled to consult with either group, but as you are consulting other agencies it may be helpful to include Te Rūnanga o Makaawhio and CRA8. Contact addresses for the two organisations are:

- Te Rūnanga o Makaawhio, PO Box 225, Hokitika 7842
- CRA8 Rock Lobster Industry Association Incorporated, C/-Malcolm Lawson, P O Box 277, Cromwell 9342

You must, by 2 May 2022 either:

- Provide the information, or
- Agree to provide the information, or
- Refuse to provide the information.

Please consider what to do carefully. Your decision is important because:

- If you provide the information we will proceed with processing your application.
- If you agree to provide the information we will set a reasonable timeframe for you to provide the information by.
- If you refuse, or do not provide the information before the agreed timeframe we must publicly notify the application. Public notification means the public may make submissions on the application and there may be a hearing to determine it. Additional payments are required for notified applications.
- We can decline the application if we have insufficient information to grant it.

The time taken between this email and our receipt of the information will not be included in our total processing timeframes for the application.

Please contact me if you have any questions. I can be contacted by phone at Environment Southland Monday-Friday 8.00–4.30 on 0800 76 88 45 or this email address. Otherwise, if you need more information:

- go to es.govt.nz/environment/consents or
- go to mfe.govt.nz/rma/rma-processes-and-how-get-involved/resource-consent-processes

Ngā mihi
George

