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Subject	Submission
From	Gary Hooper
To	aquaculture submissions
Sent	Monday, 27 March 2017 2:33 p.m.
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Good afternoon,

Please find attached my submission on the potential salmon farm relocations in the Marlborough Sounds.

Kind regards
Gary

Written Comment No: 0575

27 March 2017

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Submission on Potential Relocation of Salmon Farms in the Marlborough Sounds

Gary Hooper

Private Submission

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Nelson 7010

1.0 Introduction

1.1 I have a particular interest in the salmon farm relocation proposal because the initiative supports better environmental, economic and social outcomes for Marlborough and New Zealand. I participated in the Marlborough salmon working group and as such I'm very familiar with the content of the substantive range of expert reports commissioned to assess the issues, impacts and potential implications of farm relocations. It is clear from the technical reports that a move to hi-flow locations will materially mitigate the negative environmental impacts and limitations of the current low-flow farms. Any move to hi-flow sites would be undertaken in a very measured and controlled 'adaptive management' process that will ensure farms are operated within environmental limits and consent conditions. Additional hi flow sites were considered but were discounted as less suitable by the working group for a range of reasons.

1.2 I support the submission of Aquaculture New Zealand (AQNZ).

1.3 I would like to speak to my written comments at a public hearing.

2.0 Expression of General Support

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- 2.1 I support the principles of the proposed salmon farm relocation regulation and plan changes.
- 2.2 Aquaculture makes a significant contribution to the communities of the Marlborough region and salmon farming is an important part of this, offering stable skilled employment and supporting a range of local business and community activities.
- 2.3 The New Zealand aquaculture industry respects and values the waters it farms in and is well known for producing high quality seafood with the lightest touch on the environment. Salmon farming is one of the most sustainable sources of quality protein on the planet and this has been recognized through Monterey Bay Aquarium's Seafood Watch 'Best Choice' rating.
- 2.4 New Zealand's King (Chinook) salmon is recognised both at home and worldwide as the 'champagne' species of salmon and is highly valued across a range of consumers, from kiwi backyard BBQs to Michelin starred restaurants. It is also packed full of essential nutrients and has one of the highest natural oil contents of all salmon varieties, making it a quality source of Omega 3s.
- 2.5 Salmon farming is an industry we can be proud of and at the same time be excited about for our future.

3.0 Key Messages

- 3.1 I agree with the potential benefits that have been identified in the proposal, particularly to:
 - 3.1.1. Ensure the environmental outcomes from salmon farming are improved through implementation of benthic best management practice;
"In 2012, Professor Kenneth Black of the Scottish Association of Marine Sciences, an internationally recognised authority on aquaculture, reported that higher-flow sites are better for growing healthy salmon, and reducing environmental effects in the Marlborough Sounds."
 - 3.1.2. Improve the social and cultural outcomes from salmon farming by moving farms away from populated bays and areas of high competing use reducing visual, noise and odour intrusion.
 - 3.1.3. Increase the economic benefits accruing from salmon farming including incremental skilled and specialist jobs in the top of the South and broader economic benefits to associated industries.
- 3.2 The particular principles I support include:
 - 3.2.1 Support for the Best Management Practice guidelines for salmon farms in the Marlborough Sounds which were developed collaboratively with the community and experts to ensure well managed salmon farming in balance with the ecology of the Marlborough Sounds.

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- 3.2.2 Recognition that a better operating environment, ie higher flow, cooler water, means better environmental, operational and animal husbandry outcomes for salmon farming in general and particularly for New Zealand's King (Chinook) salmon species.
- 3.2.3 Recognition that low flow, warmer sites constrain the ability for a salmon farming operation to meet the Best Management Practice guidelines while maintaining economic viability.
- 3.2.4 Recognition that the substantial suite of analysis that guides the proposal serves to strengthen knowledge and understanding of and for the salmon industry in general and that this brings broader opportunities for New Zealand as a whole.
- 3.2.5 Support for the robust and comprehensive analysis and consultation being carried out as part of the Resource Management Act (RMA) s360 process.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Gary Hooper', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Gary Hooper

Relocating Salmon farms in the Marlborough Sounds.

Mariann Hope



I have worked for NZKS for 10 years. I agree with moving the farms to high flow sites. Moving the farms will clean up the seabed. We will be able to get more fish into the farms without having too much waste build up on the seabed. The salmon will be a better quality to sell to customers. This will create more jobs for the region.

M H Hope .
21/02/17

Written Comments No: 0450

Subject	Salmon Farm Relocation
From	Info HMP
To	aquaculture submissions
Sent	Monday, 27 March 2017 9:26 a.m.
Attachments	<<20170327074149115.pdf>>

Hi

Please find submission attached..

Regards

Helen

Written Comments No: 0450



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To: The Salmon Relocation Advisory Panel

I represent Hope Moulded Polystyrene, who have been a supplier to NZ King Salmon for over 30 years. NZ King Salmon are our largest and most valued customer which makes a significant contribution to us being able to employ over 20 staff locally.

I support the potential salmon relocation process being proposed by MPI because I believe the salmon farm relocation will provide for better environmental, social and economic outcomes.

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There will be more direct and indirect jobs created if this proposal goes ahead resulting in economic improvements for the communities in the top of the south.

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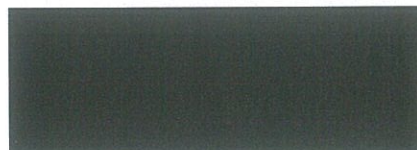
I would not like to be heard by the hearings panel.

Name: *Helen Brown*

Email:

Date: *24 March 2017*

Phone:



Subject	Salmon Farm Relocation
From	Info HMP
To	aquaculture submissions
Sent	Monday, 27 March 2017 9:25 a.m.
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Hi

Please find submission attached.

Regards

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I would not like to be heard by the hearings panel.

Name: PAUL LIGHTOWERS

Email:

Date: 24th March 2017

Phone:



Written Comments No: 0448

Subject	Salmon Farm Relocation
From	Info HMP
To	aquaculture submissions
Sent	Monday, 27 March 2017 9:26 a.m.
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Hi

Please find submission attached..

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I would not like to be heard by the hearings panel.

Name:

Chris Tunnick

Email:



Date:

24 March 2017

Phone:

Subject	MPI Positive Submission
From	[REDACTED]
To	aquaculture submissions
Sent	Monday, 20 February 2017 11:48 a.m.
Attachments	<<MPIPositiveSubmission.docx>>

Hi there,

Please find submission attached for the proposed relocation of salmon farms in the Marlborough Sounds.

Name: Rhea Hopkinson

Title: Assistant Brand Manager

Company: New Zealand King Salmon

[REDACTED]
Speak at hearing: if required

Kind regards,

Rhea Hopkinson, *Assistant Brand Manager*



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MPI Positive Submission

Rhea Hopkinson - Assistant Brand Manager at NZ King Salmon

To whom it may concern,

I am in favour of the proposal for NZ King Salmon to relocate their sites to a more suitable location. Reasoning behind my favourable submission are threefold; I care about the environment where I work and play, I believe the community will benefit from a boost in local jobs and I strongly believe in our world class product both here and representing NZ abroad.

Environmental

I work in Nelson but often travel to the Sounds for work. The area is stunning! I predominantly work on the Regal Marlborough King Salmon brand. Part of my job is to market the Sounds as it is one of our unique selling propositions to be the only company to farm in this area. We sell our salmon based on how beautiful the area is. We also sell the salmon based on our environmental accreditations. We need to ensure that we keep the area beautiful to continue selling this message and ensure we meet our environmental obligations.

Another aspect of my job is to show customers, bloggers, NZ chef celebrities, international chefs and media to the Sounds and take them out to the farms. These are mostly overseas or out of town visitors who have often never been to the area. Often blown away by the beauty of the area they will rave about it to their friends and colleagues and often post on social media or in other forms of media (radio, tv, magazines etc). This will undoubtedly have an effect on bringing tourism to the area.

Outside of work I am very much into the outdoors and spend a lot of my personal time camping, kayaking and fishing in the Sounds. Much of the reason I do this along with many other locals and tourists is to enjoy the beauty of the water and the area in general.

Moving to high flow sites will ensure that we can have a reduced amount of waste on the seabed floor and be able to maintain the Sounds for the future of not only our brand with consumers, inviting visitors to the area but also for recreational use for generations to come.

Local Community/Economy

I'm a 25 year old and starting working at King salmon at the age of 23, relatively fresh out of university. I studied in Wellington and worked there for a few years with the biggest reason being there weren't a lot of jobs for people with higher education in the Top of the South. While I really enjoyed my time, it was really expensive and meant I had no choice to move away from my family and friends in the region. Also giving up playing for a higher level of sport which I was involved with at the time. When I came back to see my family after an extended holiday/travel I was quite shocked to see a role such as Assistant Brand Manager for a large company based in Nelson, my home, and immediately applied. Since then I have been exposed to a tremendous amount of opportunity within the company and get to work

on a world class brand. I hope that companies like NZ King salmon can continue to grow and employ more skilled workers such as myself so we don't have to move into large cities or even further to companies overseas. I have no chance of buying a house in Auckland and the fact that I have the opportunity to build a life for myself in my 'small' hometown is lucky. But should it be? We should be supporting companies that are willing to grow and develop people's careers. This is not just the case with me in marketing but also a range of professions like Aquaculture - where we donate scholarships to local students at NMIT or provide internships throughout the business. Even the other day my friend asked me if King Salmon has any aquaculture jobs going as he is in forestry and the industry is slowing down in some parts. I said "maybe if we get more suitable sites!?".

Being in marketing I work on projects that support the local community through education, sports and charities. The amount of gratitude we get through this support is truly rewarding. As I mentioned earlier I play sports in the area and know how helpful it is to have a sponsor like NZ King Salmon get us to nationals to compete at a higher level.

As well as working on community projects I work with a lot of wineries, restaurants, tourism operators and organisations in the top of the South and in particular Marlborough. These are people who rely on our business (as well as others) to operate and keep their jobs. We should be encouraging this even more and I think better quality water space will provide us with additional revenue to continue building local business and give us more flexibility to give back to the community.

Better Quality of Product & Higher Volume of a Healthy, Sustainable Protein

As mentioned I work on the Regal brand which is our premium brand to everyday consumers. We generally have great quality salmon but we are restricted in how much we can make due to lower quality fish or generally not having enough supply to meet demand. People love our product and it is such a great way to get our recommended daily intake of omegas. Aquaculture is the most sustainable way to grow salmon and feed our growing population with this great, healthy product. If the only restriction is good, quality water space then I really don't know why this hasn't happened sooner? Shouldn't every Kiwi be able to enjoy salmon and all the goodness it feeds our body? Shouldn't we leave the oceans to repopulate and think of a longer term strategy to feed the masses?

This site relocation has so many benefits to the local community and economy and I hope that we are able to get healthier salmon with reduced environmental impacts. I struggle to think of a rational explanation as to why the proposal would not go ahead.

Regal '**Marlborough**' King Salmon is a world class brand and we should be able to supply not only **all** Kiwis but showcase how NZ can produce brilliant wine, food and also promote tourism.

Warmest regards,
Rhea Hopkinson

Potential relocation of salmon farms in the Marlborough Sounds.

Kelly Huang
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

I am working in NewZealand KingSalmon and I am expecting my first baby. I am happy working in this company and really would like keep this job for support my family.

I am support our salmon farms in the Marlborough Sounds for relocation. It's better for our environment and we would like live in healthy country for the future generation.

Apart form the environment, there is another reason support is important. Economically it is important for NZ. It will create more jobs. The better environment could improve tourism. The fish quality will be better and become well knowing by customer all over the world. More customer more sales more jobs more tourism.

Nien Yi Huang (aka. Kelly Huang)

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16/02/2017

Written Comments No: 0281

Subject	MPI Potential Salmon Relocation
From	Michelle Hunt
To	aquaculture submissions
Sent	Tuesday, 21 March 2017 5:25 PM
Attachments	<<Supplier Salmon Farm Relocation template submission (1).docx>>

To Whom it may Concern,
Please find attached my submission.

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To: The Salmon Relocation Advisory Panel

Introduction – Michelle Hunt / Cancer Society / Centre Manager

I support the potential salmon relocation process being proposed by MPI because I believe the salmon farm relocation will provide for better environmental, social and economic outcomes.

I understand that by relocating farms from lower water flow sites to higher water flows sites fish performance will improve and therefore the health of the salmon. It will also have a lower level of effect on the seabed which will have positive environmental benefits.

Environmentally, adopting the Best Management Practice guidelines that were agreed by the Council and community is the future for aquaculture globally.

There will be more direct and indirect jobs created if this proposal goes ahead resulting in economic improvements for the communities in the top of the south.

Moving some farms away from baches to more remote locations will improve social amenities which is also a good thing especially from a navigation viewpoint.

NZ King Salmon is a great supporter of our local community and is socially ethical so we trust that this move must be the best solution for them and therefore us as a community.

While the move does not affect our company personally they as a company are an important cog in our community as they employ many locals that in turn also support us and in some cases need our support in their time fighting cancer.

I would be open to this be heard by the hearings panel.

Name: Michelle Hunt

Date: 21/3/17

Email:

Phone:

Subject	Submission
From	Emma Hunter
To	aquaculture submissions
Sent	Thursday, 23 March 2017 9:58 AM
Attachments	<<Emma Hunter Salmon Farm Relocation.docx>>

Written Comments No: 0300

Please find attached my submission.

Kind Regards,

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To: The Salmon Relocation Advisory Panel

Emma Hunter: Member Services, Marine Farming Association (this submission is a personal submission and does not reflect the views of the MFA).

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Environmentally, adopting the Best Management Practice guidelines that were agreed by the Council and community is the future for aquaculture globally.

There will be more direct and indirect jobs created if this proposal goes ahead resulting in economic improvements for the communities in the top of the south.

I believe that the relocation of salmon farms is part of the industry's development and progression, learning from new research and understanding of the impact and demands of salmon farming.

I **would not** like to be heard by the hearings panel.

Name: Emma Hunter

Email:

Date: 23/03/17

Phone:

Written Comments No: 0535

Subject	Salmon Farm Relocation Submission
From	Richard Hunter
To	aquaculture submissions
Sent	Monday, 27 March 2017 4:18 p.m.
Attachments	<<R Hunter - MPI Relocation Submission.pdf>>

Good afternoon,

Please find my positive submission for the MPI salmon farm relocation proposal attached.

Kind regards,

Richard Hunter, *Business Analyst*

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To: The Salmon Relocation Advisory Panel

I am in favour of the MPI proposal to relocate up to six salmon farms.

I started working at New Zealand King Salmon (NZKS) a year and a half ago as a Business Analyst after working at the DHB and studying a Bachelor of Commerce at NMIT majoring in accounting & management. NZKS is now supporting me through my Charter Accountant qualification (being an approved training organisation (ATO) for Chartered Accountants (CA)). Being an ATO for CA's, combined with being a fully vertically integrated and listed company, creates a very attractive work place for people with a similar background to myself.

The Nelson/Marlborough region has limited career development and employment opportunities and I would love to see the continued growth of the company create more opportunities similar to the one I am fortunate enough to have had. The MPI proposal to relocate six salmon farms is crucial to achieve this future growth of the company and therefore the creation of these opportunities.

The much larger economic, social and environmental outcomes are also undoubtedly beneficial for not only the environment and NZKS, but the Nelson & Marlborough communities and for the generations to come.

I am therefore in full support of MPI's relocation proposal.

Kind regards,

Richard Hunter

Written Comment No: 0378

Subject	FW: New Zealand King Salmon
From	Mark Hutton
To	aquaculture.submissions@mpi.govt.nz
Sent	Monday, 27 March 2017 6:08 PM
Attachments	<<doc00446020170327180810.pdf>>

Please find attached my submission in SUPPORT of the MPI initiative.

Written Comment No: 0378

I make this submission in SUPPORT of the initiative to relocate salmon farms in the Marlborough Sounds by terminating historical sites in favour of sites at new locations that are more aligned with:

- the needs of good biological growth for King Salmon and consequent economic merit
- a less intrusive location for other users of the Marlborough Sounds
- a reduced effect on the environment

This is my personal submission.

I am a current director of The New Zealand King Salmon Investments Limited having served since 2008 when Direct Capital became a 45.0% shareholder in the company.

The key message is the NZ salmon species is rare and, as it has transpired from years of effort, challenging to farm.

Our species may be rare yet presents some unique nutritional benefits not least of which are its high Omega content. Its presentation, colour, raw preference for sushi, mouth feel and utility for cooked presentation is prized by chefs the world over and as such demands a substantial premium over all other salmon species. This has enabled our company to concentrate on its market growth while processes under the EPA for additional allocations have been draining against those market gains.

Strong empirical evidence has been gathered that water quality, type and site location are key factors in a beneficial grow out of our King Salmon. Current/water flow, temperature, light, sunshine, water clarity and oxygen, predator avoidance (above and below water) and general stability of conditions are among the many important elements we have observed for optimal King salmon rearing. Our pioneering sites did not have the benefit of such knowledge.

Equally the need to have supportive site conditions bestows a similar stewardship need over the environment within which the site is located. We have been supportive and determined to ensure the best practice guidelines are able to be demonstrated 24/7. It sets us apart from farming practices elsewhere in the world where vaccines and medicines are used.

Our farming of King Salmon is a country and community 'good' activity. It provides substantial foreign earnings; employment both internally and externally; generates significant GNP; invests in community support projects and causes; and seeks to be a positive corporate citizen while providing an economical highly nutritional and tasty diet protein.

New Zealand has a very small marine aquaculture footprint by comparison to other countries whether they be growing salmon, shellfish or other species. We are proud of what we achieve and equally proud of our environment.

The relocation of historic salmon farm sites to researched empathetic new locations is a positive low impact development - good for the industry, the community, the country.

Accordingly, I SUPPORT and urge approval of this initiative by Minister of Primary Industries.

I do not seek to make verbal representations to the panel of resource management experts.

Yours sincerely



Mark R Hutton