

# **Wainui Marine Farms RM071049 and RM071050**

## **Operational Management Plan**

### **Co-ordinator for these consents is;**

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This person shall be referred to as The Co-ordinator and shall be the first point of contact between the Consent Holder and external parties

### **1. Community Liaison**

The consent holder or one or more of its representatives shall during the months of June or July each year attend a liaison meeting to which all landowners, occupiers or residents in Wainui Bay shall be invited. The meeting shall be facilitated by the Chairperson of the Golden Bay Community Board at the time, or his or her delegate, who shall invite the consent holder, a representative from the consent holders for the other marine farms in Wainui Bay and all Wainui Bay landowners, occupiers or residents to attend such meeting and who shall be responsible for keeping a record of the attendees and issues raised at the meeting.

#### **Advice Note:**

The meeting shall provide an opportunity for issues and concerns to be raised by landowners and for constructive discussion to enable improvements to the management of the spat catching farms. There is nothing in this condition that requires either landowners, occupiers or residents to attend nor the consent holder to implement management practices except as is required by the conditions of these consents. However, it is strongly recommended that all parties involved in such meetings use them constructively. In the event that either, consistently, no landowners, occupiers or residents attend the meeting (say three or more meetings in a row) then this may be sufficient grounds for the applicant to apply, under Section 127 of the Act, to amend or delete this condition. However, any such application will need to be assessed at the time it is lodged

The consent holder shall maintain a "complaints register" which records in sufficient detail the nature of the complaint, the name of the complainant, the date of the complaint and any action taken by the consent holder to address the complaint. The complaints register shall be kept by the consent holder and provided to the Council's Co-ordinator Compliance Monitoring immediately upon request.

### **2. Hours of operation**

All operational activities on the farm sites are restricted to occurring between the hours of 6.00am to 8.00pm each day (the "operating hours"). Work is to occur outside the operating hours only in exceptional circumstances. During any one year from the granting of the consent, there are to be no more than 10 (ten) occasions when work occurs outside of these operating hours. Each instance when the operating hours have been exceeded, together with the exceptional reasons for exceeding the limits, the Co-ordinator shall report to the Councils Co-ordinator Compliance Monitoring within 24 hours of the event occurring.

**Advice Note:**

For the avoidance of doubt this condition applies to both spat catching farms in combination. The Condition allows work to occur on either or both farms on ten occasions per year and does not allow ten nights on each farm (i.e. 20 in total).

### 3. Noise

All skippers of vessels working on the Wainui Farms are to be made aware of Condition 24 of the resource consent: "All activities related to these sites shall meet the following noise standards as measured in accordance with NZS6801:1999 and NZS6802:1999, at any point on land above MHWS:

	Day	Night
L <sub>10</sub>	50 dBA	40 dBA
L <sub>max</sub>	70 dBA	

**Advice Notes:**

For the purpose of this condition;

Day = 7.00am to 8.00pm, Monday to Friday inclusive and 7.00am to 6.00pm Saturday (but excluding public holidays)

Night = all other times plus public holidays."

No broadcast radio station or digital or analogue recorded noise (including CDs, cassette tapes, MP3s or other digital formats) is to occur at Site A or Site B.

Broadcast radio does not include Marine Radio which vessels must have turned on.

### 4. Unwanted marine organisms

In the event that any unwanted organism (as defined in the Biosecurity Act 1993) that is new to the region is identified during any part of the operation and maintenance of the marine farm, the consent holder shall, collect a sample of the organism and forward it to the Council's Policy Planner (Biosecurity) or equivalent officer who will arrange for confirmation identification. The consent holder shall undertake any actions that may be necessary to minimise the spread of any such organism as directed by the Council's Policy Planner (Biosecurity).

In addition to the requirements under Condition 22, the consent holder shall inspect the farm structures at harvest to identify the presence of any unwanted organism that is new to the region. Samples are to be sent to Council's Policy Planner (Biosecurity) or equivalent officer who will arrange for confirmation identification. The consent holder shall undertake any

actions that may be necessary to minimise the spread of any such organism as directed by the Council's Policy Planner (Biosecurity).

## **5. Structure inspection and cleaning**

At least once a year the back bone and warp ropes shall be cleaned of all marine debris and each time rope is taken from the backbones the floats shall be either untied, cleaned and retied upside down or taken ashore and clean floats installed. The orange end floats shall be cleaned at least twice annually. Once the orange end floats become discoloured they shall be removed and new orange floats installed.

All refuse from the marine farm and from service vessels shall be collected and transported in a secure manner to a site that is authorised for the disposal of such waste.

## **6. Lashing off cuts**

Every care must be taken when the lashing used to hang catching ropes is cut to retrieve the rope. Any off cuts must be contained on the vessel and any spilt into the sea must be retrieved.

Lashing that ties floats to the backbone must also be treated in the same manner. All off cuts are to be contained on board preferably in large plastic bags and when unloaded are to be disposed of to a site that is authorised for the disposal of such waste.

## **7. Emergency Response after storm events**

The first point of contact shall be the Co-ordinator.

After storm events the farms shall be inspected for damage and any missing floats that may have washed ashore shall be recovered promptly. Any loose ropes should also be attended to immediately.

### **Emergency Response requirements shall include the following;**

- Response to severe storms.
- Marine mammal entanglement.
- Damage or failure of marine farm structures.
- Navigational hazard from drifting structures.
- Accidental spills of contaminants.
- Significant water quality issues including biosecurity threats.

As soon as all practical steps have been taken to recover, secure and make safe any structure or part of that breaks free or causes a navigational hazard, the Co-ordinator shall notify the Environment and Planning Manager of the Tasman District Council.

## **8. Special Mark Maintenance**

Special marks will be installed in accordance with Maritime New Zealand requirements and be checked monthly to ensure they remain upright and the required lights are working in accordance with the conditions of the resource consent.

## **9. Floats on empty lines**

In an attempt to lessen the impact of the farm structures on the visual amenity of the Bay all floats shall be taken off lines when they are to be left empty for a period of time.

## **10. Oil spills**

It is noted that the Consent Holder is required to comply with the Resource Management (Marine Pollution) Regulations 1998 at all times.

All vessels working on these marine farms in particular shall carry some form of bio-degradable, environmentally friendly oil dispersant liquid that can be used in the event of an oil spill, and such a spill shall include a notification to Co-ordinator Compliance Monitoring.

## **11. Anchor inspections**

A dive inspection of the connection to each anchor block should be undertaken at least every two years to check for wear and tear and any faulty equipment replaced as seen fit.

## **12. Standards**

All operators will at all times comply with the New Zealand Mussel Industry Environmental Code of Practise.

Farms will be managed in accordance with standard industry practise.

The general standards and conditions contained within the relevant sections of the Tasman Resource Management Plan will be complied with.

The conditions of the coastal permit will be complied with.

**A copy of this Management Plan along with a copy of the resource consent shall be carried on all vessels working on these two sites.**

**Any changes to this Management Plan shall be subject to the approval of the Council's Co-ordinator Compliance Monitoring.**