

# Wainui Bay Mussel Farm Meeting

**Held at Pohara Boat Club 10.30AM 29 August 2014**

## Present

L Gamby (Chair), R Squires, M Boullir, M Rountree, D Gowland, J Vaughan, R Bomer, D Loader, M Tilling

## Business

R Squires: Explained the management structure and resource consent conditions and how the council is trying to make the conditions the same for all farms.

M Rountree: Most marine farmers are in favour of unifying the conditions.

D Loader: A code of practise has been agreed on between farmers. It will be forwarded to M Boullir.

M Rountree: The surrounding beaches are patrolled regularly for debris from the farming operations.

R Bomer: Nothing to report.

M Tilling: Pleased with how the mussel farmers have cleaned up their processes and debris.

M Rountree: Has received no complaints.

R Squires: The farms currently have the security of a 10 year consented period.

D Loader: Worried about how farms with different conditions affect how the other farms are perceived and would like to participate in negotiations with the other farms.

M Rountree: The meeting process needs overhauling as far as notifying interested parties are concerned. There is a poor turn out from Wainui. Although he had rung them and most seemed happy with things at present.

M Boullir: Maybe organise a group emailing list.

D Loader: The more potentially affected people who know about the meeting and have an interest who are at the meeting the better.

L Gamby: Is this a suitable time to have the meeting.

M Rountree: June or July are the best months to fit in with work schedules in the mussel farms.

J Vaughan: It is good that noise and light effects have been worked out well between the community and farmers.

R Squires: Noise controls do not exist in coastal zones.

L Gamby: Commended mussel farmers for their efforts.

M Rountree: The industry is always looking at ways to reduce their environmental effects. Some changes and developments being worked on are;

Using pegs instead of lashing ropes to hold bouys on. This will be more secure and reduce the chance of rope accidentally going overboard.

Damaged floats are now being recycled.

Developing a way to recycle ropes.

Developing a way to lower the farming structures underwater to reduce visual affects.

R Squires: If any concerns arise during the year talk to the consent holders or the TDC.

Meeting Closed 11.15AM