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Submitter details

Is this application for section 2a or 2b?

2B

1 Submitter name

Individual or organisation name:  
James Murray Aquaculture Limited

2 Contact person

Contact person name:  
James Phillip Murray

3 What is your job title

Job title:  
Director

4 What is your contact email address?

Email:  
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5 What is your phone number?

Phone number:  
s 9(2)(a)

6 What is your postal address?

Postal address:  
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7 Is your address for service different from your postal address?

No

Organisation:

Contact person:

Phone number:

Email address:

Job title:

Please enter your service address:

Section 1: Project location

Site address or location

Add the address or describe the location:

- Site 1. Kowhai bay, Houhora
- Site 2. Hokianga harbour, Hokianga
- Site 3. Ahipara bay, Ahipara

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Do you have a current copy of the relevant Record(s) of Title?

No

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Who are the registered legal land owner(s)?

Please write your answer here:

Northland Regional Council.

Detail the nature of the applicant's legal interest (if any) in the land on which the project will occur

Please write your answer here:

James Murray Aquaculture Ltd has an interest greater than the public generally as a body having particular interest in marine farming on, and in particular at Whangape Harbour and Kowhai Bay and the development of aquaculture activities within those areas. He has a specific interest in being an owner of the consent granted authorising the construction and operation of a 2.07 hectare mussel spat collection marine farm at the Whangape Harbour entrance. Further it has for many years been making submissions to, and advancing aquaculture projects with, Northland regional council with particular emphasis on the Kowhai bay area north of the entrance to Houhora harbour.

## Section 2: Project details

What is the project name?

Please write your answer here:

Mussel Spat Muriwhenua

What is the project summary?

Please write your answer here:

The project is to utilise un-utilised Maori waterspace identified in the Muriwhenua Collective AMA submission for regional development in Aquaculture. Business creation and employment opportunities will work in dual arrangement with Tertiary training in the region. The development phase will by default lift critical infrastructure needs in the region and provide a Mussel seed source for the Nations GDP.

What are the project details?

Please write your answer here:

Underway

Describe the staging of the project, including the nature and timing of the staging

Please write your answer here:

Design and planning

Training

Build capacity and business

Build infrastructure

Sell spat

What are the details of the regime under which approval is being sought?

Please write your answer here:

Resource management act 1991

If you seeking approval under the Resource Management Act, who are the relevant local authorities?

Please write your answer here:

Northland regional council

What applications have you already made for approvals on the same or a similar project?

Please write your answer here:

Muriwhenua AMA Collective submission was made in February 2004 to Northland Regional council

Is approval required for the project by someone other than the applicant?

Yes

Please explain your answer here:

Northland regional council

If the approval(s) are granted, when do you anticipate construction activities will begin, and be completed?

Please write your answer here:

Detailed design - 3 months

Procurement - 3 months

Funding - 3 months

Site works commencement - 9 months

Completion - 6 months

### Section 3: Consultation

Who are the persons affected by the project?

Please write your answer here:

Northland regional council and Nga Uri O Muriwhenua

Detail all consultation undertaken with the persons referred to above. Include a statement explaining how engagement has informed the project.

Please write your answer here:

Consultation has been undertaken with Northland regional council from 2004 - 2024. Most Muriwhenua Uri have been consulted with apart from Ngati Kahu and Te Paatu.

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Describe any processes already undertaken under the Public Works Act 1981 in relation to the land or any part of the land on which the project will occur:

Please write your answer here:

Non taken

### Section 4: Iwi authorities and Treaty settlements

What treaty settlements apply to the geographical location of the project?

Please write your answer here:

Non

Are there any Ngā Rohe Moana o Ngā Hapū o Ngāti Porou Act 2019 principles or provisions that are relevant to the project?

No

If yes, what are they?:

Are there any identified parcels of Māori land within the project area, marae, and identified wāhi tapu?

No

If yes, what are they?:

Is the project proposed on any land returned under a Treaty settlement or any identified Māori land described in the ineligibility criteria?

No

Has the applicant has secured the relevant landowners' consent?

No

Is the project proposed in any customary marine title area, protected customary rights area, or aquaculture settlement area declared under s 12 of the Māori Commercial Aquaculture Claims Settlement Act 2004 or identified within an individual iwi settlement?

No

If yes, what are they?:

Has there been an assessment of any effects of the activity on the exercise of a protected customary right?

No

If yes, please explain:

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## Section 5: Adverse effects

What are the anticipated and known adverse effects of the project on the environment?

Please describe:

Underway

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## Section 6: National policy statements and national environmental standards

What is the general assessment of the project in relation to any relevant national policy statement (including the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement) and national environmental standard?

Please write your answer here:

The project will assist the NZCPS and NES with applying required infrastructure, environmental and Maritime management practices.

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## Section 7: Eligibility

Will access to the fast-track process enable the project to be processed in a more timely and cost-efficient way than under normal processes?

Yes

Please explain your answer here:

3 sites can be applied for in this application vs 1 site per application via Northland regional council.

What is the impact referring this project will have on the efficient operation of the fast-track process?

Please write your answer here:

The govts \$3b aquaculture goal will be delayed, employment opportunities in a high unemployment area will be missed and a referral will delay the initiation of income and good social outcomes to the region.

Has the project been identified as a priority project in a:

Central government plan or strategy

Please explain your answer here:

Has been awarded stage 1 already (Kanoa RSPF) ref; Mussel Spat Muriwhenua

Will the project deliver regionally or nationally significant infrastructure?

National significant infrastructure

Please explain your answer here:

Aquaculture industry, in particular Mussels, is requiring urgent national assistance

Will the project:

increase the supply of housing, address housing needs, contribute to a well-functioning urban environment

Please explain your answer here:

By providing employment, Maori trades training and hope to the region.

Will the project deliver significant economic benefits?

Yes

Please explain your answer here:

This project will assist the govts \$3b aquaculture goal, helping NZ's national GDP.

Will the project support primary industries, including aquaculture?

Yes

Please explain your answer here:

We caught 104,000 animals per meter last year on our Marine farm in Whangape. We plan to have 72kms of mussel lines built by September 2024 ready for harvest. If we had been able to harvest last year we would have contributed 7.4Billion animals (less retention of 70%) to the Aquaculture industry.

Will the project support development of natural resources, including minerals and petroleum?

No

Please explain your answer here:

Untested at this time

Will the project support climate change mitigation, including the reduction or removal of greenhouse gas emissions?

Yes

Please explain your answer here:

Seaweed farming to work in a dual relationship / polyculture to mitigate green house gases.

Will the project support adaptation, resilience, and recovery from natural hazards?

Yes

Please explain your answer here:

By utilising full Marine and Force majeure Insurance

Will the project address significant environmental issues?

Yes

Please explain your answer here:

This alternative spat catching regime will relieve pressure from Te Oneroa a Tohe mechanical harvesting which has been a long standing environmental issue. It will also enhance carbon farming and open up environmental controls to address land run-off.

Is the project consistent with local or regional planning documents, including spatial strategies?

Yes

Please explain your answer here:

Anticipates inclusion in the NRC coastal plan

Anything else?

Please write your answer here:

No

Does the project includes an activity which would make it ineligible?

No

If yes, please explain:

## Section 8: Climate change and natural hazards

Will the project be affected by climate change and natural hazards?

Yes

If yes, please explain:

Storm damage and covid shutdowns will put the project at risk. These to be mitagated by insurance and monitored by Muriwhenua uri

## Section 9: Track record

Please add a summary of all compliance and/or enforcement actions taken against the applicant by any entity with enforcement powers under the Acts referred to in the Bill, and the outcome of those actions.

Please write your answer here:

Non

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## Declaration

Do you acknowledge your submission will be published on environment.govt.nz if required

Yes

By typing your name in the field below you are electronically signing this application form and certifying the information given in this application is true and correct.

Please write your name here:

James Murray

Important notes