

MPI advice on Fast-track Listed Project Application

Application name	New Onapua Bay Marine Farms
Application number	FTA071
Applicant	Emma Deason, Solicitor for Apex Marine Farm Limited
Whether aquaculture decision will be required under Schedule 12 of the FTA Bill	This is an application for a marine farm within the Territorial Sea so will require an aquaculture decision under Schedule 12 of the FTA Bill.
Other authorisations that may be required from MPI	n/a
Aquaculture settlement considerations	The application is not located within an aquaculture settlement area established under section 12 of the Māori Commercial Aquaculture Claims Settlement Act 2004 or within an area reserved for aquaculture within an individual iwi settlement. Should this application be consented over an area that has not previously been subject to a resource consent for aquaculture, it could generate a settlement obligation in the Marlborough region (under the Māori Commercial Aquaculture Claims Settlement Act) that is representative of 20% of the newly consented space.
Fisheries settlement considerations	The area is part of a shared area of interest with all the 8 iwi of Nelson/Marlborough. Those iwi are seeking to manage their customary fishing interests through the Fisheries (South Island Customary Fishing) Regulations 1999. The area of management will overlay the application site which may affect how the iwi are able to manage their customary fisheries. The Iwi historic settlement agreements require fisheries decision makers to consult the iwi governance entity where policy or regulatory change may affect fisheries in their area of interest.
Impacts of a project on Māori development and PSGE priorities	n/a

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