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Calum MacLean
CEO
Ocean Farms Limited
By email: s 9(2)(a)

Tēnā koe Calum,

I write in support of your application under the Fast-track Approvals Bill for Hex BoxNZ90/400 marine structure.

Through discussions and presentations by you, we have had the opportunity to appraise and discuss the Ocean Farms development strategy and the technology-based infrastructure being introduced. We see this as a good strategic fit as we progress development of aquaculture within Murihiku Southland.

As you know, Southland's regional long-term plan, Beyond 2025, identifies aquaculture as one of our main diversification strategies for the region. We have a vision to build the Southland regional contribution to \$1billion by 2035, in line with the overarching New Zealand Aquaculture Strategy. We believe the Hex BoxNZ90/400 marine structure for ocean farming will support our vision in the near to long term and we look forward to continuing to engage with Ocean Farms as you move forward.

Good luck Calum, and I look forward to hearing about the outcome of your application in due course.

Yours faithfully,



Chami Abeyasinghe
Great South
Chief Executive