

## MPI advice on Fast-track Listed Project Application

<b>Application name</b>	Waikato West Coast Mussel Spat Nursery
<b>Application number</b>	FTA026
<b>Applicant</b>	Rebecca Clarkson - Principal Advisor, Aquaculture Direct Limited
<b>Whether aquaculture decision will be required under Schedule 12 of the FTA Bill</b>	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.
<b>Other authorisations that may be required from MPI</b>	n/a
<b>Aquaculture settlement considerations</b>	<p>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.</p> <p>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 Waikato West region (under the Māori Commercial Aquaculture Claims Settlement Act) that is representative of 20% of the newly consented space.</p>
<b>Fisheries settlement considerations</b>	<p>Fisheries settlements have been concluded with the two main iwi with fisheries interests in the area. These iwi have significant quota holdings, some of which will be caught in the application area. Activities which significantly affect the value of of quota and shares in fishing companies received as part of a Treaty settlement could be considered as a contemporary breach of the Fisheries Settlement. Hapū in the area are seeking a mandate to negotiate a settlement over the harbours and coast which may overlay the application area. Customary fishing under regulations made in response to the Fisheries Settlement is managed by hapū. The area of management of hapū overlays the application area. Customary fishing and the mauri of the fishery may be affected by the application and the change in abundance of different species. Hapū and iwi should be consulted on the proposal.</p>
<b>Impacts of a project on Māori development and PSGE priorities</b>	N/A
<b>Other matters to note</b>	We note that fisheries in this region have been subject to fishing closures due to Maui dolphin habitats.

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