

MPI advice on Fast-track Listed Project Application

Application name	Muriwhenua Aquaculture
Application number	FTA#23
Applicant	Te Aupouri Fisheries Management Ltd
Whether aquaculture decision will be required under Schedule 12 of the FTA Bill	This is an application for marine farms within the Territorial Sea so will require aquaculture decisions under Schedule 12 of the FTA Bill. However, we note part of the application includes marine farm areas where aquaculture decisions have already been made under the Fisheries Act 1996. These areas will not require further aquaculture decisions.
Other authorisations that may be required from MPI	n/a
Aquaculture settlement considerations	<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 be subject to a resource consent for aquaculture, it could generate a settlement obligation in the Northland region (under the Māori Commercial Aquaculture Claims Settlement Act) that is representative of 20% of the newly consented space.</p>
Fisheries settlement considerations	The five iwi involved in the application have all concluded treaty settlements with the Crown. While there are no fisheries settlement implications with the application, the historic Treaty settlements with these iwi provide that the governance entities for each of the iwi will be consulted where policy or regulatory change may affect the iwi area of interest. While the applicant is a company owned by the iwi, the obligations to the iwi governance entity remains.
Impacts of a project on Māori development and PSGE priorities	<p>Application is by Te Aupouri Fisheries Management Ltd on behalf of Te Aupouri, Ngati Kuri, Ngati Kahu, Te Rarawa and Ngai Takoto. Te Aupouri Fisheries Management Ltd already operate another marine farm in the region.</p> <p>MPI Māori Agribusiness has been working Northland iwi to explore potential for an aquaculture industry cluster in Northland.</p> <p>MPI makes an overarching comment on the applications for aquaculture activities in the coastal marine area: some of the applications have applied for a large quantum of space (noting some applications do not provide sufficient detail to calculate spatial extent). The total area currently consented for aquaculture activities in New Zealand is approximately 14,000 ha.</p>

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