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**Office of the Minister for the Environment
Office of the Minister of Conservation**

Chair, Cabinet

COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects Amendment Order (No 4) 2022

Proposal

- 1 This paper seeks authorisation for submission to the Executive Council of the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects Amendment Order (No 4) 2022 (the Amendment Order).
- 2 The Amendment Order amends the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects Order 2020 to include as a project referred to an expert consenting panel (panel):
 - 2.1 Ngāi Tahu Seafood Resources Limited's Hananui Aquaculture project (Schedule 45).

Executive Summary

- 3 The COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 (FTCA) is one of the Government's actions to support New Zealand's economic recovery from COVID-19. The FTCA enables any person to apply to fast-track certain approvals required under the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) for their project. Where projects are located either fully or partly within the Coastal Marine Area (CMA), we are joint decision-makers on the referral application.
- 4 Projects that we accept are referred to a panel by an amendment to the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects Order 2020 (Order in Council), subject to Cabinet's agreement. This allows an applicant to lodge resource consent applications and/or notices of requirement for a designation with the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) for consideration by a panel.
- 5 Before granting any RMA approvals a panel must conduct a merit-based assessment of the project's effects, which includes testing the actual and potential effects of the project against the requirements of both Part 2 of the RMA and additional specifications in the FTCA.
- 6 We received an application from Ngāi Tahu Seafood Resources Limited to fast-track the Hananui Aquaculture project. The project is to construct and operate open ocean marine farming (salmon) within a 2500-hectare area of the CMA approximately two to six kilometres off the north-eastern coast of Stewart Island/Rakiura.
- 7 We sought written comments from Environment Southland, Ministers prescribed by the FTCA including the Minister for Oceans and Fisheries, Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu, Maritime New Zealand and the Southland regional harbourmaster. We considered all

comments received and the report prepared under section 17 of the FTCA. We also requested and considered further information from the applicant.

- 8 I delegated my decision-making responsibilities on this project to the Minister for Economic and Regional Development under sections 23 and 24 of the FTCA to manage any potential conflict of interest with my role as Minister for Oceans and Fisheries.
- 9 We have accepted Ngāi Tahu Seafood Resources Limited's Hananui Aquaculture project for referral as we are satisfied it meets the eligibility criteria specified in section 18 of the FTCA. It will help achieve the FTCA's purpose by generating employment which will assist in sustaining the Stewart Island/Rakiura and Bluff communities and provide opportunities to build an economic base and provide for food security, economic development and employment for local Māori.
- 10 We consider the project will progress faster than would otherwise be the case under standard RMA consenting processes and any actual and potential effects on the environment, together with any measures to mitigate, offset or compensate for adverse effects, can be considered and determined by a panel subject to Part 2 of the RMA and the purpose of the FTCA.
- 11 We now seek authorisation for submission of the Amendment Order to the Executive Council. The Amendment Order enables Ngāi Tahu Seafood Resources Limited to apply via the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) to a panel for the relevant RMA approvals for the project, in accordance with the process in the FTCA.

Background

- 12 The FTCA is one of the Government's temporary actions to support New Zealand's economic recovery from COVID-19, by promoting employment and supporting ongoing investment. Access to the FTCA provisions remains in place until the FTCA is repealed in July 2023.
- 13 The FTCA enables any person to apply to the Minister for the Environment, or where projects are located either fully or partly within the CMA, the Minister for the Environment and the Minister of Conservation jointly, to access the fast-track consenting process for their project. If we accept an application, it is referred by Order in Council – specifically, via an amendment that adds the project as a new schedule to the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects Order 2020 – subject to Cabinet's agreement. This allows an applicant to lodge a resource consent application or notice of requirement for a designation with the EPA for consideration and decision by a panel.
- 14 Panels are appointed by Panel Convener Judge Laurie Newhook and are constituted according to the specific representation, skills and knowledge required for the particular project. Before a panel grants any RMA approvals it must, among other things, consider the comments received from invited parties, assess the project's actual and potential effects, and test these against the requirements of Part 2 of the RMA and the purpose of the FTCA. As part of this process the panel may seek further information from a range of parties, including those invited to comment on the application.
- 15 To ensure robust oversight of the wider performance of the process, the Ministry for the Environment has commissioned an independent survey and review of FTCA

implementation in the context of the FTCA's overall purpose. This will feed into a Ministry report to Treasury on FTCA implementation in 2022.

- 16 As of 15 March 2022, 83 applications have been made under the FTCA to refer projects to a panel, of which:
- 16.1 44 projects have been referred and Orders in Council gazetted. Details are in Appendix one. In summary, for these projects:
 - 16.1.1 16 have been granted their RMA approvals by a panel
 - 16.1.2 one has had their applications for RMA approvals declined by a panel
 - 16.1.3 12 are under active panel consideration
 - 16.1.4 13 have yet to lodge their RMA applications
 - 16.1.5 two have subsequently decided not to seek their RMA consents through the panel process.
 - 16.2 four projects accepted for referral are awaiting Orders in Council. This includes the project that is the subject of this paper
 - 16.3 13 referral applications are being processed and are yet to receive referral decisions
 - 16.4 15 referral applications have been declined for a range of reasons including not meeting the purpose of the FTCA and it being more appropriate for them to go through the standard RMA consenting process
 - 16.5 seven referral applications have been withdrawn by the applicants.
- 17 Projects listed in Schedule 2 of the FTCA are able to lodge their applications for RMA approvals with the EPA without first going through a referral assessment. An update on these projects is in Appendix two.

Project for referral: Ngāi Tahu Seafood Resources Limited's Hananui Aquaculture project

- 18 Ngāi Tahu Seafood Resources Limited has applied to use the fast-track consenting process for the Hananui Aquaculture project. The project is to construct and operate open ocean marine salmon farming within a 2500-hectare area of the CMA approximately two to six kilometres off the north-eastern coast of Stewart Island/Rakiura.
- 19 The proposed marine farming activity comprises four separate marine farms, each including two blocks of ten circular net pens and associated mooring and anchoring systems, and five anchored barges functioning as operational bases. The applicant proposes to develop the project in 4 stages to ultimately produce up to 16,000 tonnes of salmon per annum.
- 20 The project requires coastal permits under the Regional Coastal Plan for Southland.
- 21 We sought written comments on this application from the Southland Regional Council, relevant Ministers as determined by section 21(6) of the FTCA including the Minister

for Oceans and Fisheries, Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu, Maritime New Zealand and the Southland regional harbour master.

Overview of comments

- 22 s 9(2)(f)(ii), s 9(2)(g)(i)
- 23 Environment Southland supported project referral in principle. Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu also supported project referral.
- 24 Maritime New Zealand and the Southland regional harbourmaster had neutral positions on Project referral.
- 25 Environment Southland recommended a range of technical assessments to accompany resource consent applications and Maritime New Zealand requested that a panel review navigational issues.
- 26 s 9(2)(f)(ii), s 9(2)(g)(i)
- Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu recommended that a panel also seeks comment from the Ngāi Tahu Papatipu Rūnanga.

Decision

- 27 In making our decision we considered the application and further information received, all comments provided in response to our invitation, and the eligibility criteria in section 18 of the FTCA¹. We also considered the report prepared under section 17 of the FTCA.
- 28 We have decided to accept Ngāi Tahu Seafood Resources Limited's application for referral of the Hananui Aquaculture project to a panel. We consider the project meets the eligibility criteria in section 18 of the FTCA and achieves the purpose of the FTCA by:
- 28.1 having positive effects on social well-being by providing opportunities for year-round employment that will assist in sustaining the Stewart Island/ Rakiura and Bluff communities
 - 28.2 generating approximately 50–180 direct full-time equivalent (FTE) jobs in years 1–5 of the project associated with farm construction, monitoring, farm management, harvesting and processing
 - 28.3 generating approximately 500 FTE jobs associated with marine farming and processing once the farm reaches full production
 - 28.4 providing opportunities to build an economic base and provide for food security, economic development and employment for local/Māori.

¹ In accordance with section 24 of the FTCA - Decision to accept application for referral

- 28.5 progressing faster than would otherwise be the case under standard RMA processes, provided that the applicant lodges their resource consent applications with the EPA in a timely manner following project referral.
- 29 In response to recommendations from Environment Southland and Maritime New Zealand, we have decided to specify the applicant must provide several technical reports and further information regarding project staging with their resource consent applications. The full details of this information requirement are in Appendix three.
- 30 The FTCA requires that a panel invite comments from the relevant local authorities, relevant iwi authorities and Treaty settlement entities, specific Ministers, owners and occupiers of adjacent land, specific non-governmental organisations and other groups listed in the FTCA². In addition to these requirements, and to address specific matters raised, we have decided to specify that a panel must also seek comments on Ngāi Tahu Seafoods Resources Limited's resource consent applications from 18 additional parties, listed in Appendix three.
- 31 We consider any actual and potential effects on the environment, together with any measures to mitigate, offset or compensate for adverse effects, can be appropriately tested by a panel against Part 2 of the RMA and the purpose of the FTCA. The additional material listed in Appendix three that must be submitted to a panel will assist with this.
- 32 There are no reasons to decide under section 24(2) of the FTCA to:
- 32.1 limit the scope of the project by referring it only in part
 - 32.2 refer the project in stages
 - 32.3 place any restrictions on the project.
- 33 We have decided under section 24(2)(f) of the FTCA to allow a panel to take up to 90 days from the date specified for receiving comments on consent applications to consider, and issue their final decisions on, the resource consent applications for the project. We considered that a longer time is necessary due to the scale and complexity of the project, to allow a panel more time to consider the project, commission expert evidence and hold a hearing if it determines to do so.

Timing and 28-day rule

- 34 Cabinet has agreed to waive the 28-day rule for Orders in Council relating to projects to be referred to a panel³. Therefore, the Amendment Order will come into force the day after publication in the New Zealand Gazette. Ngāi Tahu Seafood Resources Limited may then lodge resource consent applications for the Hananui Aquaculture project with the EPA, for consideration by a panel.

Compliance

- 35 The Amendment Order complies with:
- 35.1 the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi

² Clause 17(6) of Schedule 6, FTCA.

³ ENV-20-MIN-0033 and CAB-20-MIN-0353 refer

- 35.2 the rights and freedoms contained in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 or the Human Rights Act 1993
- 35.3 the principles and guidelines set out in the Privacy Act 1993
- 35.4 relevant international standards and obligations
- 35.5 the Legislation Guidelines (2018 edition), which are maintained by the Legislation Design and Advisory Committee.

Regulations Review Committee

- 36 We do not consider that there are grounds for the Regulations Review Committee to draw this Order in Council to the attention of the House of Representatives under Standing Order 319.

Certification by Parliamentary Counsel Office

- 37 The Amendment Order has been certified by the Parliamentary Counsel Office as being in order for submission.

Impact Analysis

Regulatory Impact Assessment

- 38 The Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA) requirements for this proposal have been waived. Cabinet has agreed that an RIA is not required for Orders in Council relating to projects to be referred to a panel⁴.

Climate Implications of Policy Assessment

- 39 The Climate Implications of Policy Assessment (CIPA) team at the Ministry for the Environment has been consulted and confirms that the CIPA requirements⁵ do not apply to the project.

Publicity

- 40 The Amendment Order will be available on the New Zealand Legislation website following its notification in the New Zealand Gazette.
- 41 As required under section 25 of the FTCA, our decision to refer the project to a panel for consideration, the reasons for this decision and the report obtained under section 17 will be made available to the public on the Ministry for the Environment's website.

Proactive release

- 42 We intend to proactively release this paper on the Ministry for the Environment's website subject to redaction as appropriate under the Official Information Act 1982.

Consultation

- 43 The Ministry for the Environment and Department of Conservation sought comment on this paper from Te Tūāpapa Kura Kāinga Ministry of Housing and Urban Development,

⁴ ENV-20-MIN-0033 and CAB-20-MIN-0353 refer

⁵ CO (20) 3 refers

Ministry for Culture and Heritage, Te Puni Kōkiri, Ministry of Education, Department of Corrections, Land Information New Zealand, Treasury, Ministry of Transport, Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, Ministry for Primary Industries, Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Defence, Department of Internal Affairs and The Office for Māori Crown Relations – Te Arawhiti.

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the Official Information Act 1982

Recommendations

We recommend that Cabinet:

- 1 **note** that we have decided under section 24 of the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 to accept the application for referral of the following project to a panel:
 - 1.1 Ngāi Tahu Seafood Resources Limited's Hananui Aquaculture project
- 2 **note** that Ngāi Tahu Seafood Resources Limited's Hananui Aquaculture project meets the eligibility criteria in section 18 of the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020, and is considered to help achieve the Act's purpose by:
 - 2.1 having positive effects on social well-being by providing opportunities for year-round employment that will assist in sustaining the Stewart Island/Rakiura and Bluff communities
 - 2.2 generating approximately 50–180 direct full-time equivalent (FTE) jobs in years 1–5 of the project associated with farm construction, monitoring, farm management, harvesting and processing
 - 2.3 generating approximately 500 FTE jobs associated with marine farming and processing once the farm reaches full production
 - 2.4 providing opportunities to build an economic base and provide for food security, economic development and employment for local Māori
 - 2.5 progressing faster using the Act's processes than would otherwise be the case under standard Resource Management Act 1991 processes, provided that the applicant lodges their resource consent applications with the Environmental Protection Agency in a timely manner following project referral
- 3 **note** that the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects Amendment Order (No 4) 2022 requires Ngāi Tahu Seafood Resources Limited to provide to an expert consenting panel additional technical reports including on engineering, public access, navigational safety, project staging and effects on: water column, seabed, oysters, biosecurity, sharks, marine mammals, seabirds, penguins, wild fish, landscape and natural character, as detailed in Appendix three
- 4 **note** that the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects Amendment Order (No 4) 2022 requires an expert consenting panel appointed to consider Ngāi Tahu Seafood Resources Limited's Hananui Aquaculture project to seek comments from 18 additional parties as listed in Appendix three
- 5 **note** that the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects Amendment Order (No 4) 2022 requires an expert consenting panel appointed to consider Ngāi Tahu Seafood Resources Limited's Hananui Aquaculture project to issue its final decision on any resource consent application lodged with the EPA for the project no later than 90 days after the date specified for receiving comments under clause 18(1) Schedule 6 of the FTCA as detailed in Appendix three
- 6 **authorise** submission of the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects Amendment Order (No 4) 2022 to the Executive Council

- 7 **note** that on 27 July 2020, Cabinet agreed to waive the standard 28-day rule relating to Orders in Council made under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 [CAB-20-MIN-0353 refers]. Consequently, the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects Amendment Order (No 4) 2022 will come into force the day after publication in the New Zealand Gazette.

Authorised for lodgement

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Minister for the Environment

Hon Kiritapu Allan
Minister of Conservation

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Appendix one – Referred projects under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020

Referred projects with Orders in Council gazetted		
Project - Location	Applicant	EPA Status
Clutha Upper Waitaki Lines Project - Works and Workers' Village - Clutha Upper Waitaki	Transpower New Zealand Limited	Not progressing through FTC
Northbrook Wanaka Retirement Village - Wanaka	Winton Property Limited	Consented by Panel (4 August 2021)
Kohimarama Comprehensive Care Retirement Village - Kohimarama, Auckland	Ryman Healthcare Limited	Consented by Panel (12 May 2021)
Molesworth Street Office Development - Thorndon, Wellington	Prime Property Group Limited	Consented by Panel (12 November 2021)
The Vines Affordable Subdivision - Richmond, Tasman	Jason and Angela Mudgway	Declined by Panel (17 September 2021)
Dominion Road Mixed-use Development - Mount Eden, Auckland	Pudong Housing Development Company Limited, Foodstuffs North Island Limited, and Silk Road Management Limited	Consented by Panel (29 September 2021)
Ohinewai Foam Factory - Ohinewai, Waikato	Ambury Properties Limited	Consented by Panel (24 August 2021)
Eastern Porirua Regeneration Project - Infrastructure Works - Porirua	Kāinga Ora-Homes and Communities' and Porirua City Council	Lodgement expected early 2022
Silverlight Studios - Wanaka	Silverlight Studios Limited	Consented by Panel (8 December 2021)
Brennan winery, restaurant, education, and event complex - Gibbston Valley, Otago	Otago Viticulture and Oenology Limited's (trading as Brennan Wines)	Not progressing through FTC
Nola Estate - Glen Eden, Auckland	CPM 2019 Limited	Consented by Panel (1 October 2021)
Wooring Tree Estate – Cromwell	Wooring Tree Property Development LP	Consented by Panel (29 September 2021)
Kapuni Green Hydrogen - Kapuni, Taranaki	Hiringa Energy Limited's and Ballance Agri-Nutrients Limited	Consented by Panel (1 December 2021)
New Dunedin Hospital – Whakatuputupu – Dunedin Package 1 – enabling works	The Minister of Health's and the Ministry of Health	Consented by Panel (23 December 2021)
New Dunedin Hospital – Whakatuputupu – Dunedin	The Minister of Health's and the Ministry of Health	Lodgement expected early 2022

Package 2 - buildings		
Faringdon South West and South East Development - Rolleston	Hughes Developments Limited's	Consented by Panel (27 August 2021)
Summerset Retirement Village -Waikanae - Waikanae	Summerset Villages (Waikanae) Limited	Consented by Panel (23 September 2021)
Beachlands Housing Development - Beachlands, Auckland	Neil Construction Limited and Fletcher Residential Limited	Under consideration by Panel
Kōpū Marine Precinct - Kōpū, Thames	Thames-Coromandel District Council	Consented by Panel (9 March 2022)
Whakatāne Commercial Boat Harbour project - Whakatāne	Whakatāne District Council, Te Rāhui Lands Trust, Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Awa, Ngāti Awa Group Holdings Limited, Te Rāhui Lands General Partner Limited, Te Rāhui Herenga Waka Whakatane Limited, and Provincial Growth Fund Limited	Under consideration by Panel
Karaka North Village - Karaka, Auckland	Capella Group Limited and Karaka North Village Limited	Lodgement expected early 2022
Ōmāhu Residential Development - Remuera, Auckland	Urban Resort Limited and Icon Co Pty (NZ) Limited	Consented by Panel (14 February 2022)
George St Mixed Use Development - Newmarket, Auckland	Newmarket Holdings Development Limited Partnership	Lodgement expected early/mid 2022
Otawere Water Storage Reservoir - Northland	Te Tai Tokerau Water Trust	Under consideration by Panel
Drury Central & Paerata Stations - Auckland	KiwiRail Holdings Limited	Consented by Panel (3 February 2022)
Rangitane Maritime Development - Kerikeri	Far North District Council & Far North Holdings Limited	Under consideration by Panel
Brickfields, Scott Road Development - Hobsonville, Auckland	Aedifice Development Limited	Under consideration by Panel
Melia Place - Whangaparāoa, Auckland	Melia Development Limited	Under consideration by Panel
Tauranga Innovative Courthouse - Tauranga	The Minister of Justice and the Ministry of Justice	Under consideration by Panel
Oruku Landing - Whangārei, Northland	Northland Development Corporation Limited	Lodgement expected early 2022
Riverbend Residential Development - Napier	Tawanui Developments Limited, K3 Properties Limited & Mana Ahuriri Holdings Limited	Lodgement expected mid 2022

Silverlight Studios Accommodation - Wanaka, Otago	Silverlight Studios Limited	Consented by Panel (18 February 2022)
Drury Centre Precinct - Auckland	Kiwi Property Holdings No 2	Under consideration by Panel
Waihoehoe Precinct - Auckland	Oyster Capital Limited	Under consideration by Panel
Drury East Stage 1 Precinct – Auckland	Fulton Hogan Land Development	Under consideration by Panel
Flints Park, Laries Mile – Te Pūtahi, Queenstown	Glenpanel Development Limited	Lodgement expected early 2022
Federal Street Residences, Auckland	P0012 Auckland NZ Pty Limited	Under consideration by Panel
Bellgrove Development, Rangiora	Bellgrove Rangiora Limited	Under consideration by Panel
Lakeview-Taumata	QT Lakeview Developments Limited	Lodgement expected early 2022
Summerset Retirement Village, Half Moon Bay, Auckland	Summerset Villages (Halfmoon Bay) Limited	Lodgement expected mid 2022
Browns Bay Road Apartments, Auckland	Matvin Group Limited	Lodgement expected mid 2022
Te Tauoma Stage 1B, St Johns, Auckland	Shundi Tamaki Village Limited	Lodgement expected mid 2022
Kaiwharawhara Wellington Ferry Terminal Redevelopment	KiwiRail Holdings Limited	Lodgement expected mid 2022
The Rotokauri North project, Hamilton	Rotokauri North Holdings Limited	Lodgement expected mid 2022
Tauhei Farm Solar Project, Te aroha	Harmony Energy New Zealand Limited	Lodgement expected mid 2022

Appendix two – Status of projects listed Schedule 2 of the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020

Listed Project	Status
Matawii Water Storage Reservoir Kaikohe	Consents have been approved.
Papakāinga Development – Rāpaki, Christchurch	Consents have been approved.
Te Ara Tupua – Ngā Ūranga to Pito-one shared path	Consents have been approved.
Waitohi Picton Ferry Precinct Redevelopment	Consents have been approved.
Queenstown Arterials Project	Consents have been approved.
Papakāinga Development - Kaitiaia	Consents have been approved.
Papakura to Pukekōhe rail electrification	Package 1 - consents have been approved. Package 2 – minor consents - unlikely to proceed under fast-track at this stage.
Papakura to Drury South State Highway 1 improvements	Package 1 - consents have been approved. Package 2 – lodgement anticipated in 2022.
Papakāinga Development – Waitara, Taranaki	Lodgement anticipated in 2022.
Northern Pathway – Westhaven to Akoranga shared path	Unlikely to proceed under fast-track at this stage.
Te Pā Tāhuna Residential Development	Unlikely to proceed under fast-track at this stage.
Unitec Residential Development	Unlikely to proceed under fast-track at this stage.
Papakāinga Development - Point Chevalier, Auckland	Unlikely to proceed under fast-track at this stage.
Papakāinga development – Whaingaroa, Raglan	Unlikely to proceed under fast-track at this stage.
Papakāinga Development - Chatham Islands	Unlikely to proceed under fast-track at this stage.
Wellington Metro Upgrade Programme	Unlikely to proceed under fast-track at this stage.
Britomart Station eastern end upgrade	Unlikely to proceed under fast-track at this stage.

Appendix three – Additional requirements specified by the Minister for the Environment and the Minister of Conservation under section 24(2) of the FTCA for Ngāi Tahu Seafood Resources Limited's Hananui Aquaculture project

Ngāi Tahu Seafood Resources Limited is required to provide with their resource consent applications to an expert consenting panel:

- engineering report outlining the proposed farm structures, mooring and anchor systems and demonstrating suitability to withstand the anticipated current and wave environment
- water column effects report, including associated hydrodynamic modelling, assessing the effects of farm-derived nutrients on macroalgae and phytoplankton, effects on dissolved oxygen, and effects of submerged artificial lighting
- seabed effects report, including associated modelling, assessing the effects of farm-associated deposition and seabed enrichment on benthic communities beneath and surrounding the farm
- oyster effects report, assessing the effects on the abundance and disease risk to wild oysters present within Foveaux Strait
- biosecurity effects report, assessing the biosecurity risks of the farm for the spread of marine pests and diseases, including an associated Biosecurity Management Plan
- shark effects report, assessing the effects on sharks present within Foveaux Strait, including from potential entanglement
- marine mammals' effects report, assessing the effects on marine mammals within Foveaux Strait including from habitat exclusion, disturbance and potential entanglement
- seabird effects report, assessing the effects on seabirds within Foveaux Strait, including from habitat exclusion, changes to food supply, disturbance, and potential entanglement
- penguin effects report, assessing the effects on penguins within Foveaux Strait, including from habitat exclusion, changes to food supply, disturbance, and potential entanglement
- wild fish effects report, assessing the effects on wild fish, including from attraction to farms, and waste feed and other organic matter
- landscape and natural character effects assessment report, describing the landscape and natural character values present, and assessing the effects on landscape character, natural character and visual amenity
- navigation risk assessment, assessing the effects of the farm on navigation safety for vessels operating within Foveaux Strait
- public access assessment, assessing the effects of exclusive access to 500 ha of the CMA on public access
- project staging options including the practicalities of an option to establish a reduced scale marine farm as an initial stage to test the environmental effects of the project in the open ocean environment.

An expert consenting panel appointed to consider Ngāi Tahu Seafood Resources Limited's resource consent applications for the Hananui Aquaculture project must seek comments from the following additional persons/organisations:

1. the Minister for Oceans and Fisheries
2. Te Rūnanga o Awarua
3. Te Rūnanga o Ōrāka-Aparima
4. Te Rūnanga o Waihōpai

5. Te Rūnanga o Hōkonui
6. Biosecurity New Zealand
7. Director-General of the Ministry for Primary Industries
8. Maritime New Zealand
9. Rakiura Marine Guardians Incorporated
10. Rakiura Titi Islands Committee
11. Rakiura Titi Islands Administering Body
12. Southland Aquaculture Working Group
13. Southland Conservation Board
14. Southland Regional Development Agency
15. Southland regional harbourmaster
16. Stewart Island/Rakiura Community and Environment Trust
17. Stewart Island/Rakiura Community Board
18. Yellow-eyed Penguin Trust.

A panel must issue its final decision on any resource consent application lodged with the EPA for the project no later than 90 days after the date specified for receiving comments under clause 18(1) Schedule 6 of the FTCA. This longer timeframe for decision-making was included due to the project's scale and complexity, to allow a panel more time to consider the project, commission expert evidence and hold a hearing if it determines to do so.

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