

9 September 2020

To: The Submitter

Dear Sir/Madam

## RESOURCE CONSENT APPLICATION – ADVICE OF DECISION

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| Application Number: | CST60335843   |
| Applicant:          | Ponui Aquaculture Limited   |
| Proposed Activity:  | It is proposed to establish, operate and maintain a 221-hectare marine farm approximately 3.6km east of Ponui Island, in the Firth of Thames. The marine farm would be utilised to grow and harvest New Zealand Green-lipped Mussels™ ( <i>Perna canaliculus</i> ). |
| Site Address:       | Coastal Marine Area, Firth of Thames  |

The above application was heard by Auckland Council Hearing Commissioners on 4 August 2020. After consideration of the processing officers' report and the evidence of the applicant and submitters, the commissioners have resolved that this application be **granted with conditions**.

For your reference a copy of the decision of the Hearing Commissioners is attached, and will be forwarded to every person who made a submission. It outlines the basis for the decision and any associated conditions. A copy of the decision and plans will be uploaded on the Council website under 'Meetings and Agendas - Hearings'.

If you are the applicant or a submitter, and you disagree with the decision, or parts of it, you can file an appeal with the Environment Court within 15 working days of receiving this decision.

The applicant and/or any submitter may appeal the council decision under section 120 of the Resource Management Act 1991. If an appeal is lodged, any person who made a submission on the application may become a party to the proceedings by lodging a notice under section 274 of the Resource Management Act 1991. The information on objections and appeals in this letter is provided as a guide only and does not constitute legal advice. Information on the appeal process can be found on the Environment Court website [www.justice.govt.nz/courts/environment-court](http://www.justice.govt.nz/courts/environment-court).

A copy of the appeal must be served on the council (Private Bag 92300, Auckland 1142) within 15 working days of the receipt of the decision and on all submitters within 5 working days of lodging the appeal with the Environment Court. Information on the appeal process can be found on the Environment Court website [www.justice.govt.nz/courts/environment-court](http://www.justice.govt.nz/courts/environment-court).

Pursuant to section 116 of the Resource Management Act 1991, this consent will not commence until any appeals or objections are withdrawn or decided.

If you have any queries, please contact Brad Allen by email [Brad.Allen@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz](mailto:Brad.Allen@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz) and quote the application number above.

Yours sincerely

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