

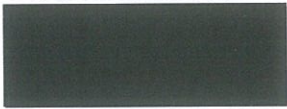
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Relocation of Salmon Farms in the Marlborough Sounds

My name is Robbie Kafoa and I have worked at King salmon for 6 years. I would like to see the farms moved to better sites to improve the quality of our fish and the environment in the sounds. I think our fish is the best and it would be even better in these new sites. We will have new jobs for people in Marlborough and in Nelson because king salmon will grow and need more workers.



Nelson

Robbie Kafoa. 21/02/2017

## Written Comment No: 0182

Subject	<b>consideration of moving salmon farms.</b>
From	[REDACTED]
To	aquaculture submissions
Sent	Sunday, 12 March 2017 11:49 a.m.

Dear Sir/Madame,

I have reviewed the documents available on the MPI website. I believe the proposal to shift salmon farms from low flow to high flow sites has been carefully examined and makes both economic and environmental sense.

I believe outcome 1 as set out in the consultation document should be the preferred outcome.

regards

Ian Kearney

## Written Comment No: 0315

Subject	Salmon farm relocations
From	<a href="#">scott keen</a>
To	aquaculture submissions
Sent	Thursday, 23 March 2017 4:21 PM

Salmon Farm Relocation  
Ministry for Primary Industries  
Private Bag 14  
Port Nelson

[aquaculture.submissions@mpi.govt.nz](mailto:aquaculture.submissions@mpi.govt.nz)

To: The Salmon Relocation Advisory Panel

Hi,

My name is Scott Keen, I am a Salmon Farmer in the Pelorus Sound for NZ King Salmon, I have been employed by NZ King Salmon for approx 9 years.

I support the potential salmon farm relocation process being proposed by MPI because I believe the salmon farm relocation will provide for better environmental, social and economic outcomes. Its as close to a "no brainer" as there could ever be.

I am however not supportive of the farm site in the middle of the pelorus sound being given. It would be in my opinion an abomination and restrictive of potential future uses of the Pelorus sound. Due to the sounds being such a sheltered and protected pieces of water, I could see the potential for cruise ship and/ or aquaculture tourism growing here.

I am grateful to NZKS for the permanent employment they gave me, as it has meant my family and I could afford to live in our own home in our home town of Motueka.

Due to me being a 7 day on 7day off shift worker and the flexibility of NZKS management, I have been able to be involved more in my childrens school activities like coaching, community activities like volunteer fire brigade, and marine education. This Summer alone I have taken almost 500 local school children and their family members snorkeling through a non for profit educational organisation called Experiencing Marine Reserves.

Recently I had an accident at work that meant I was off work for almost 9 months and NZKS were very supportive of my rehabilitation back into my current role. Just like other employees of NZKS I have had numerous opportunities and taken them to be trained in national and internationally recognized qualifications in Diving, Boat Driving, Health and Safety etc..

Due to the nature of seasonal work, tourism and hospitality and the trades, This was the first company I had been employed at throughout NZ that offered me a permanent fulltime contract at the age of 33, this meant that my family had the security and means for my wife to re- train as a primary school teacher.

Thankyou for my chance to be heard

Scotty

## Written Comment No: 0184

Subject	<b>Salmon Farm Relocation.</b>
From	[REDACTED]
To	aquaculture submissions
Sent	Sunday, 12 March 2017 5:51 p.m.
Attachments	<<170306-SubmissionForm.pdf>>

# Written Comment No: 0184

To: Salmon Farm Expansion  
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Email before 5pm, Monday 27 March 2017  
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# Written Comment No: 0184

## Submission on proposed use of Section 360A of the RMA to allow massive expansion of salmon farming in the Marlborough Sounds

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	I am against the whole Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) proposal for “Potential Relocation of Salmon Farms in the Marlborough Sounds”
<input type="checkbox"/>	I would like to speak to my written submission at a public hearing in <div></div>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	I do not want to speak to my written submission at a public hearing

### To the Marlborough Salmon Farm Relocation Advisory Panel and Minister Nathan Guy:

I am writing to express my dismay about Minister Nathan Guy’s proposal to overrule the Marlborough District Council’s (MDC) plan and allow for up to six new salmon farms in areas prohibited for aquaculture in the Marlborough Sounds.

The MDC’s State of the Environment Report 2015 noted that:

- The Marlborough Sounds biodiversity is NOT in good shape.
- The issues include: fewer fish, not as many species, serious loss of biogenic habitats, sedimentation in estuaries and biosecurity incursions.

The Marlborough Sounds needs proposals for protection and restoration of its natural environment and marine ecosystem, **NOT** proposals for further exploitation and degradation such as this one.

It is submitted that the aim of this MPI proposal, thinly disguised as salmon-farming relocation, is in fact a proposal for the massive expansion of salmon farming in the Waitata Reach area of the Pelorus Sound.

If successful it will mean a cluster of 7 farms in Waitata Reach. It will mean 2 to 3 times more waste discharge spread over a wider benthic footprint. It will mean greater adverse cumulative impacts on the water column.

The Marlborough Sounds needs, we submit, more extensive Marine Reserves, **NOT** more Salmon Farms on an industrial scale as is now proposed by MPI and New Zealand King Salmon (NZKS).

### *The Board of Inquiry drew the limits*

In 2012 NZKS applied for nine new salmon farms in areas prohibited for salmon farming via a Board of Inquiry process. They were ultimately allowed three farms. The Board of Inquiry, and then the Supreme Court, made a number of very important findings, which, it is submitted; this proposal is attempting to ride rough shod over.

It is submitted that this is a blatant attempt to try and achieve for NZKS what it failed to get last time around. This time it is being done under the cloak of a relocation scheme. It is submitted that this is a relocation is factually wrong. Two of the salmon farms to be “relocated” do not in fact exist – there has been no salmon farming on the sites for at least five years.

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Once again, MPI and NZKS are trying to put new salmon farm sites into outstanding natural landscapes and, it is submitted, ignoring the legal requirements of the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement and the adverse cumulative impacts on the this iconic landscape.

This proposal, we submit, ignores the Board of Inquiry finding a threshold limit of two new farms in the Waitata Reach and that the Environment Court subsequently echoed this.

### ***The best Place for Salmon Farming?***

The existing NZKS operations are suffering from regular (4 in the last 5 years) unusual mortality events. There is a Controlled Area Notice under the Biosecurity Act in place as a result. Pathogens new to NZ have been discovered in the dead salmon.

We submit that the science shows that 17 degrees Celsius is the maximum sustainable temperature for salmon farming, above this trigger the fish become stressed and vulnerable to disease. MDC records show that the Waitata Reach of the Pelorus Sound has summer seawater temperatures exceeding 17 degrees for long periods. These adverse environmental factors combined with poor management practices is, we submit, demonstrated by these regular significant salmon mortality events.

Instead of allocating clean unspoiled water space for new farms and closing old farms, real pressure should be put on NZKS to operate these existing farms in accordance with Best Management Practice Guidelines. It can be done we submit.

Rather, MPI and NZKS seem to be arguing that the prospect of more jobs and profit justifies ignoring adverse cumulative environmental effects in this iconic public space. This so called MPI report is, we submit, paid for by NZKS using an expert who has a history of working for that company. A truly independent review of this report will, like last time, we submit, show these claims are greatly inflated.

This approach quite wrongly, we submit, gives no credence to the adverse impacts on; endangered species such as the King Shag, recreational users, navigation issues, tourism, and struggling nearby scallop beds.

#### **Other Comments:**

Due to the estuarine nature of the Pelorus Sound I oppose the relocation of the salmon farms due to what will effectively be a death sentence to both the Kenepuru and Mahau Sounds.

The fish stocks only now appear to be recovering after being badly plundered in the 1990s.

Please don't reverse this major step forward by allowing the Kenepuru and Mahau Sounds become a dumping ground for the toxic waste created by these farms.

***Conclusion: This proposal is fundamentally flawed, environmentally unsustainable and should not proceed!***



## Written Comment No: 0381

Subject	<b>MPI Submission - Salmon Farm Relocation Advisory Panel</b>
From	<a href="#">Bridget Kendrick</a>
To	aquaculture submissions
Sent	Friday, 24 March 2017 1:19 PM

I support the relocation of the NZ King Salmon farms to cooler, high flow water sites as this will mean better fish health and increased environmental and economic benefits also.

I live and work in fabulous Nelson but we have old family baches in the Queen Charlotte Sounds, this is just paradise with boating, fishing, peace and tranquility on offer. The 'Top of the South' prides itself on its stunning beauty and outdoor lifestyle and we definitely feel we get to capitalise on both Nelson and the Marlborough Sounds pristine environments. NZ King Salmon has proven itself to operate within strict guidelines set down to protect this very pristine environment, all the while building a highly successful aquaculture business providing a multitude of jobs from the farm workers, skippers, Nelson based processing plants and Head Office to outsourced jobs such as barge operators, engineering firms, dive teams, water taxis, scientific lab testing, trucking transport operators etc.

In a world where we want both the environment and people to thrive there is a need for sustainable resources to support the future of both. Many countries support fish farming as it provides employment and a controlled method to supply fish as world fish harvests decline. With an ever increasing global population and the impacts of global warming ie. less drinkable water and food production, I can forsee global food security becoming high priority for individual nations.

From a local community and national perspective of economics, exports, job availability and general healthy wellbeing of our people, aquaculture is extremely important. NZ King Salmon sells a high quality, premium, product without compromising the environment. New Zealand should be supporting this.

The true beauty of aquaculture as a sustainable and environmentally sound option is a fairly new concept, but to date, a highly successful one. It puts NZ on the global map with a premium healthy food product that cannot be found anywhere else in the world.....something to be proud of New Zealand!

Like the ever growing and successful wine industry, meat and dairy, aquaculture is something for all New Zealanders to get behind and support as we all benefit greatly.

Kind regards,  
Bridget Kendrick



23 March 2017. (I don't wish to be heard at any hearings panel, thank you)

## Written Comment No: 0385

Subject	<b>Salmon Farm Relocation</b>
From	<a href="#">Nigel Kendrick</a>
To	aquaculture submissions
Sent	Friday, 24 March 2017 2:00 PM

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To: The Salmon Relocation Advisory Panel

I am a Bach owner in the Marlborough Sounds and also a Pilot for Air New Zealand. This affects me in two ways, obviously owning a Bach in The Sounds means I use The Sounds for recreational fishing and water sports. And secondly, Regal Salmon uses Air NZ to transport over \$4 million worth of its Salmon every year.

I support the potential salmon relocation process being proposed by MPI because I believe the salmon farm relocation will provide for better environmental, social and economic outcomes.

I have observed a very clean, green operation by Regal Salmon supporting the local economy with many jobs from net cleaning, divers, barge operators, engineering firms, water taxi operators and farm workers themselves. They also contribute to the success of our national carrier, Air NZ.

Yours sincerely  
Nigel Kendrick