

**Summary Statement re: Submission to the Marlborough Salmon Farm
Relocation Advisory Panel
by Neil Roy McLennan**

This summary accompanies my submission on the 'Potential relocation of salmon farms in the Marlborough Sounds'.

I oppose the salmon farm relocation proposal because I believe it is inappropriate for MPI to be involved in partisan resource allocation, and for existing Marlborough District Council planning rules and normal RMA planning procedures to be undermined. In addition, I believe NZ King Salmon Ltd have not demonstrated responsible management of their existing "low-flow" salmon farming sites, it is inappropriate to swap "sub-optimal low-flow sites" for high-flow sites, and to focus on business viability ahead of environmental suitability.

A detrimental impact on recreational fisheries, water quality, and tourism development within Pelorus Sound is likely if salmon farm relocation is permitted.

Salmon farming is undertaken for private company benefit, exclusively occupies public water space, and involves serious environmental disruption (with off-site effects currently poorly understood).

Salmon farms need to be located in a socially and environmentally suitable location.

I believe there are suitable areas for finfish farming outside of Pelorus Sound and Queen Charlotte Sound where salmon farming might be undertaken.

Additional studies of off-site salmon farm environmental impacts and alternatives to near shore farming are required, before any new finfish farms are established.