

Aquaculture Decision on the Wilson Bay Interim Aquaculture Management Areas

I have read the final evaluation report on the Wilson Bay Interim Aquaculture Management Areas (**Interim AMAs**) and all its attachments carefully. I have also considered submissions made by persons and organisations that I consider represent the classes of persons having a customary, commercial or recreational fishing interest in the Interim AMAs.

My final decision is as follows:—

- a) I am satisfied that the Interim AMAs will not have an undue adverse effect on fishing or on the sustainability of fisheries resources;
- b) As such, a **determination** is made for all of the area of the Interim AMAs; and
- c) The **determination** covers both Area A and Area B, as defined in Schedule 2 of the *Aquaculture Reform (Repeals and Transitional Provisions) (Wilson Bay Interim Aquaculture Management Areas) Order 2008*.

It should be noted that my decision for a determination is limited in scope by rule 16.5.6 of the Waikato Regional Coastal Plan that relates to the character, intensity or scale of occupation of the Interim AMAs, whereby finfish farming is a prohibited activity (and existing marine farming space can only be used for shellfish farming).

Pursuant to section 41(1) of the *Aquaculture Reform (Repeals and Transitional Provisions) Act 2004*, rule 16.5.6 of the Waikato Regional Coastal Plan may not be revoked or amended until the chief executive of the Ministry of Fisheries makes a further aquaculture decision in relation to the area affected by the revocation or amendment.



Daniel Lees
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Ministry of Fisheries

Dated this 16th day of October 2009

For the Chief Executive (under delegated authority)