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Dear Mr Bender,

MACQUARIE HARBOUR BIOMASS DETERMINATION COMMENCING 1 JUNE 2020

As outlined in my letter of 22 April 2020, the current permissible biomass limit and stocking density caps for salmonids (salmon and trout) in Macquarie Harbour expire on 31 May 2020. Consequently, I have made new stocking and biomass determinations for the period 1 June 2020 to 31 May 2022.

As you are aware, Management Control 3.3.1 of the *Macquarie Harbour Marine Farming Development Plan, October 2005* ("the Plan") allows me, being delegate of the Secretary, to determine the maximum permissible stocking density of finfish held within any fish cage, within the area covered by the Plan or any other specified area within the plan area. The maximum permissible stocking density I have determined for areas leased by Huon Aquaculture Group Pty Ltd and Southern Ocean Trout Pty Ltd for the period commencing 1 June 2020 to 31 May 2022 is set out in Attachment 1.

Management Control 3.3.5 of the Plan allows me, being delegate of the Secretary, to determine the maximum permissible biomass (tonnes per hectare) within the area covered by the Plan, or any other specified areas within the plan area. The maximum permissible biomass I have determined for leased areas operated by Huon Aquaculture Group Pty Ltd and Southern Ocean Trout Pty Ltd for the period commencing 1 June 2020 to 31 May 2022 is set out in Attachment 2.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Wes Ford', enclosed within a thin black rectangular border.

Wes Ford

DIRECTOR, ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AUTHORITY

ATTACHMENT I

DETERMINATION - MAXIMUM PERMISSIBLE STOCKING DENSITY OF FINFISH THAT MAY BE HELD WITHIN ANY FISH CAGE WITHIN THE AREA OF LEASE NOS. 216, 220 AND 267, BEING AN AREA WITHIN THE AREA COVERED BY THE MACQUARIE HARBOUR MARINE FARMING DEVELOPMENT PLAN OCTOBER 2005

In accordance with Management Control 3.3.1 of the *Macquarie Harbour Marine Farming Development Plan October 2005* ("the Plan"), I have determined that within the total area covered by all of the following leases:

- marine farming Lease No. 216 (sub-lessee Huon Aquaculture Company Pty Ltd);
- marine farming Lease No. 220 (lessee Southern Ocean Trout Pty Ltd);
- marine farming Lease No. 267 (lessee Southern Ocean Trout Pty Ltd);

being an area within the area covered by the Plan, the maximum permissible stocking density of finfish held within any fish cage that may be stocked is as specified in column 2 of Table I, in respect of the period specified in column 1 of that table.

Table I

Period	Maximum permissible stocking density (kg per m³) held within any fish cage within the area of lease 216, 220 and 267
1 June 2020 to 31 May 2022	15 kg/m ³ which is extended for up to 40% of the cages of the current harvest year class biomass of salmonid fish (inclusive of those cages already harvested) to a maximum of 17 kg/m ³ at any one time, as long as the average for the total number of nets being held on the applicable sites does not exceed 15 kg/m ³ .

The date from which Huon Aquaculture Company Pty Ltd and Southern Ocean Trout Pty Ltd must comply with my determination is 1 June 2020.

Dated: 29 May 2020



Wes Ford

DIRECTOR, ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AUTHORITY

ATTACHMENT 2

DETERMINATION - MAXIMUM PERMISSIBLE BIOMASS (TONNES PER HECTARE) OF FINFISH THAT MAY BE STOCKED WITHIN THE COMBINED AREA OF LEASE NOS. 216, 220 AND 267, BEING AN AREA WITHIN THE AREA COVERED BY THE MACQUARIE HARBOUR MARINE FARMING DEVELOPMENT PLAN OCTOBER 2005

In accordance with Management Control 3.3.5 of the *Macquarie Harbour Marine Farming Development Plan October 2005* ("the Plan"), I have determined that within the total area covered by all of the following leases:

- marine farming Lease No. 216 (sub-lessee Huon Aquaculture Company Pty Ltd);
- marine farming Lease No. 220 (lessee Southern Ocean Trout Pty Ltd);
- marine farming Lease No. 267 (lessee Southern Ocean Trout Pty Ltd);

being an area within the area covered by the Plan, the maximum permissible biomass of finfish that may be stocked is as specified in column 3 of Table I in respect of the period specified in column 1 of that table.


Table I

Period	Description of the category of salmonids that the maximum permissible biomass (tonnes per hectare) for the plan area applies to	Maximum permissible biomass (tonnes per hectare) that may be stocked within the combined area of Leases 216, 220 and 267
I June 2020 to 31 May 2022	2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 year class salmonids	10.26 t/ha

It is a requirement of this determination that when the biomass reaches 9 tonnes per hectare the company must submit biomass calculations and forward projections to the Director on a weekly basis.

The date from which Huon Aquaculture Company Pty Ltd and Southern Ocean Trout Pty Ltd must comply with my determination is 1 June 2020.

Dated: 29 May 2020



Wes Ford

DIRECTOR, ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AUTHORITY