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Dear Mr Bender

As you are aware, Management Control 3.3.1 of the *Macquarie Harbour Marine Farming Development Plan, October 2015* ("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 2017 to 31 May 2018 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 2017 to 31 May 2018 without an approved waste capture system is set out in Attachment 2.

I acknowledge your support and involvement in the development of the *Guidelines for EMP Preparation in relation to Salmonid Aquaculture Waste Capture Systems, Macquarie Harbour, May 2017*. I understand that Huon does not intend to pursue this option at this point in time.

In accordance with Management Control 3.0.1 of the Plan, the maximum permissible number of 2017 year class smolt that may be stocked within leased areas operated Huon Aquaculture Group Pty Ltd and Southern Ocean Trout Pty Ltd for the period commencing 1 June 2017 to 31 May 2018 is set out in Attachment 3.

Yours sincerely,

Wes Ford  
**DIRECTOR, ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AUTHORITY**

## ATTACHMENT 1

### 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 1, in respect of the period specified in column 1 of that table.

**Table 1**

<b>Period</b>	<b>Maximum permissible stocking density (kg per m<sup>3</sup>) held within any fish cage within the area of lease 216, 220 and 267</b>
1 June 2017 to 31 May 2018	15 kg/m <sup>3</sup> 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 <sup>3</sup> 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 <sup>3</sup> .

The date from which Huon Aquaculture Company Pty Ltd and Southern Ocean Trout Pty Ltd must comply with my determination is 1 June 2017.

Dated: 31 May 2017



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 2 of Table 1 in respect of the period specified in column 1 of that table.

**Table 1**

<b>Period</b>	<b>Maximum permissible biomass (tonnes per hectare) that may be stocked within the combined area of Lease 216, 220 and 267</b>
1 June 2017 to 31 May 2018	13.0 (without approved waste capture system)

It is a requirement of this determination that when the biomass reaches 11 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 2017.

Dated: 31 May 2017



Wes Ford

**DIRECTOR, ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AUTHORITY**

### ATTACHMENT 3

#### NOTIFICATION

#### SMOLT ENTRY NOTIFICATION 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 3.0.1 of the *Macquarie Harbour Marine Farming Development Plan October 2005* ("the Plan"), I provide that in relation to the 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 number of 2017 year class smolt finfish that may be stocked is as specified in column 2 of Table 1 in respect of the period specified in column 1 of that table.

**Table 1**

<b>Period</b>	<b>Maximum permissible number of 2017 year class smolt that may be stocked within the combined area of Lease 216, 220 and 267</b>
1 June 2017 to 31 May 2018	548,625

The date from which Huon Aquaculture Company Pty Ltd and Southern Ocean Trout Pty Ltd must comply with my determination is 1 June 2017.

Dated: 31 May 2017



Wes Ford  
**DIRECTOR, ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AUTHORITY**