

# Kenepuru & Central Sounds



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Dear Ben

## Marlborough Salmon Working Group (MSWG) - Final Advice Report

1. On the evening of Friday 4 November the latest Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) edited version of the above report to the Minister for Aquaculture was circulated to the group. This was said to be on the basis that this was to be the "final form" subject only to non substantive editing.
2. We appreciate that MPI is marching to a very tight time frame (albeit self imposed) and a process that currently envisages a number of outstanding and demanding milestones to be completed. However, it is fair to say the previous draft was very controversial in the manner it appeared to portray the composition of the Group when arriving at the outcomes and recommendations in that draft. In other words the removal of the names of MPI, Marlborough District Council and Department of Conservation representatives from the Group notwithstanding their active participation (and often direction) in and of the groups discussions and thus narrative and outcomes as per the draft.
3. We acknowledge that following strong push back from community representatives some of these names have now been reinserted. In other areas of the report some feed back from representatives has been incorporated into the report. This is all good in terms of the MSWG Report offering the Minister a more nuanced set of outcomes and the discussion behind those outcomes. However the fact remains that some suggestions of community representatives aimed at more fairly portraying where community groups sat on important outcomes have

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not been worked into the Report. Further the choice and treatment of various technical matters has been far from ideal.

4. This situation puts KCSRA in a difficult position. After reflection, further discussion and more considered review of the 4 November draft we believe we have found a suitable compromise. As you will be aware KCSRA has over the course of this process taken the effort of clarifying in formal written communications its position to MPI (and the rest of the group) on various matters. Accordingly, and bearing in mind MPI's tight time frame, the purpose of this letter is to advise that KCSRA reserves the right to clarify the various procedural, technical and related matters directly with the Minister and/or his colleagues as matters unfold.
  
5. Please confirm when the finalised MSWG Advice Report is supplied to the office of the Minister of Aquaculture. In the interim we look forward to receipt of the final form of the MSWG Report.

Yours Sincerely

  
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