

**Subject:** OIA 2023/14: Memorandum of Understanding between DOC and NZKS  
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Kia ora,

**OIA request 2023/14: Memorandum of Understanding between DOC and NZKS**

**Question 1:**

We understand that DOC and New Zealand King Salmon (NZKS) signed a Memorandum of Understanding in 1998 regarding the Ruakaka farm in the Queen Charlotte Sounds (Marlborough Sounds). We believe that this agreement may be part of negotiations to resolve appeals on an earlier proposed Marlborough Sounds Resource Management Plan. Can you please provide a copy of the actual agreement and any relevant correspondence on the matter, before and after 1998?

**Question 2:**

Can you also advise if DOC have entered into any other Memorandums of Understanding with NZKS? If yes, please provide copies of the agreements and/or any relevant correspondence.

**Question 3:**

Have any agreements been discussed between DOC and NZKS but not signed? If yes, please provide what marine farms these relate to, the approximate dates, and the purposes of these discussions.

If you have any questions or points of clarification please do not hesitate to contact me.

Ngā mihi,

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