

Aquaculture Policy Team



Who are we?



our team is part of the policy group
at MPI



we work with our colleagues in
MPI's Fisheries New Zealand group
and other agencies to develop
aquaculture policy and legislation

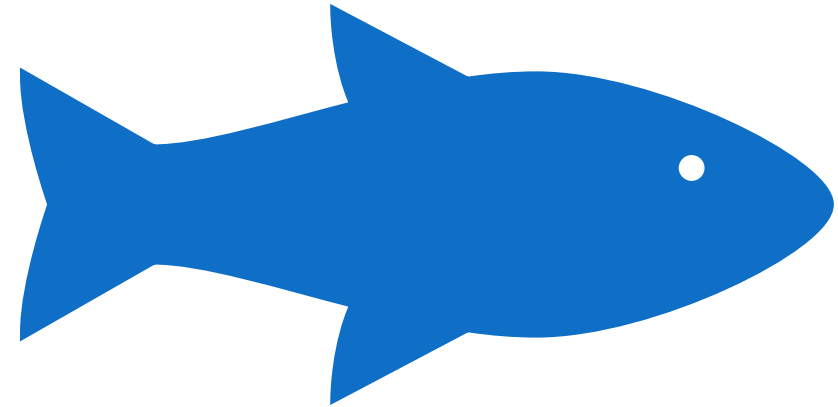
How this session will run

- We will be taking written notes
- Email further written feedback by [12:00 pm Monday 4 March](#)
- Our email address is AquaculturePolicy@mpi.govt.nz
- Your feedback will be reflected to the Minister for Oceans and Fisheries
- We will provide you with a summary of feedback from this engagement
- *Teams meeting etiquette*
 - Please use the 'raise hand' button to kōrero
 - Please use the chat function to ask questions and make comments
 - Please 'mute' yourself when not speaking



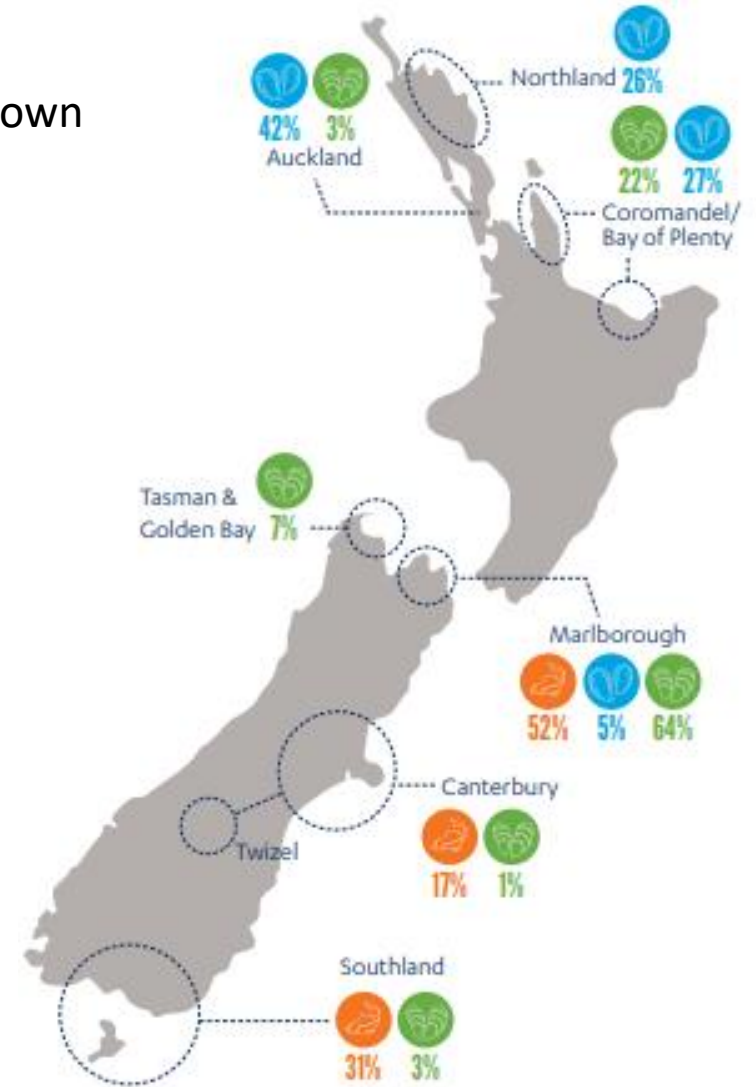
What are we engaging on?

- The Government has committed to **delivering longer durations for marine farming consents**, in order to provide greater certainty for the aquaculture sector.
- This will require a legislative change to the Resource Management Act 1991, through a **Resource Management Act Amendment Bill** in 2024.
- We are seeking your feedback on the proposal.



Context

- Marine farms (aquaculture) must be authorised by resource consent (also known as a 'coastal permit') issued by the local council or authority
- There are approximately 1,200 existing marine farms in New Zealand.
- Most are in:
 - Marlborough
 - Waikato
 - Northland
 - Auckland
 - Tasman
 - Canterbury
 - Southland
 - Bay of Plenty regions.
- Consents for around 300 farms are due to expire and need replacement by the end of 2024.
- Aquaculture has significant potential to contribute to economic growth and boost regional prosperity.



What is proposed?

The Government is proposing to extend all existing marine farm consents, for a period of 25 years as an addition to their current consent term.

If a consent holder holds an existing marine farm consent, the consent expiry date would be moved 25 years out from the current expiry date.

This would be an automatic extension, and consent holders would not need to apply.



What will this proposal deliver?

- This proposal aims to reduce the regulatory burden on consent holders
 - A 25-year time frame will give greater business certainty to industry
 - If passed by the end of 2024 as anticipated, this proposal gives certainty to around 300 marine farms with consents expiring at the end of the year
 - This proposal is an efficient means of achieving certainty of tenure for the marine farming industry
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Feedback questions

Do you support this proposal to extend consents?
Why? Why not?

What impact will this proposal have?

Is there anything you would change in the proposal?
What?
