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Morena Christin,

Anei noa nga maioha mihi i runga i nga whakaaro o te wa, oti ra, ngo ngenei wa hoki, tae atu ki te wa neke atu

Kua tutuki enei korero mou, hei awhina i a matou o te Tahuna o Aotea Marine Farm Ltd o te kaupapa kei mua i a matou.

I have attached some documentation for your consideration in regards to our Resource Consent application.

Doc 1 - Letter Intro

Doc 2 - Discussion with elders of Okapu Marae

Email - Robin to Ross 15.06.18

Email - Ross's Answers 15.06.18

Oti ra

Terewai Awhitu

Okapu Marae Chairperson

Director Te Tahuna Aotea Marine Farm

An orca was stranded at the entrance to Aotea Harbour about 10 years ago and was refloated at high tide so i guess it is possible the could come in but the seem to prefer Kawhia.
We have never had any sea mammals caught in our farm only the odd swan around duck shooting season.

As far as impeding mammals go ,seals wouldnt have any problems getting thru the farm, if an orca was to make it into the harbour the would have plenty of room to go around or under the stuctures they are pretty bright and know how to move

around moorings etc i have watched them many times going thru the moorings in Kawhia Harbour out side our workshop

and have never seen one get into trouble even when they are chasing stingrays.

As far as vessels go the farm is situated in the channel with plenty of room even at low tide for boats to go around the out side

and will be lit at night with beacon lights.

The biggest problem is boaties think harbours are always safe and dont consider the weather to much. Over the 20 yrs we have

been working in Aotea we have rescued countless sunk boats, stranded kite surfers , one microlite plane, pulled out dozens of stranded

cars, and rescued swimmers in trouble, I know at least 3 of these people would have drowned had we not been there ,to say we would

be a danger with farms in the channel is fair comment, but i have found people can get into trouble all by themselves without our help

and they are lucky we are around to save them, i know the death count would be higher if we were not there.

Feel free to use my comments

Regards Ross.