

Aquaculture Planning Fund

- Administered by proposed Aquaculture Agency
- Available for Councils to support/assist planning
 - Develop Regional Coastal Plans including Aquaculture Zones
 - Support for processing consents
- Govt can use to develop Aquaculture Zones/consented space
- Technical Support – not just \$
- Industry want access to fund
- Equity between existing and new farmers
- Rolling fund replenished by aquaculture levy



Aquaculture Levy

- Funds Aquaculture Planning Fund
- Suggested \$100-200/hectare
- Total annual revenue around \$700,000 – 1.4m on current industry
- Basis – rental for use of public space vs. Levy to grow industry
- Equitable charging
 - Between species
 - Between regions
- Spent in region levy generated?
- Subsidy from existing farmers to new entrants?
- Levy on Settlement Space
- Foreshore and Seabed



Industry Comment

- Majority cautiously supportive of levy
- Already paid to create space so why pay again
- Aquaculture Fund available to industry
 - Renewals
 - Change of Species
 - Extensions
- Existing industry shouldn't be subsidising future industry
- Aquaculture agency should be developing space for industry
- Need strengthened occupation rights to encourage infrastructure
- Undue Adverse Effects on Fishing
- Māori Settlement


