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**To:** FinFish  
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**Attachments:** RECFISHTAS EASTCOAST SALMON FARM SURVEY.pdf; survey results.pdf; Kathryn Farma reply.docx

Dear Committee,

The attachments, particularly the graphic, correctly portray the views of the residents of Glamorgan Spring Bay following an independent survey undertaken within GSBC

The result is that the development of the Tassal fish farm, overwhelmingly, has no Community Licence whatsoever and the fish farm, should be removed.

The attachments are only a snapshot of the antagonism towards this development, minutes of community meetings and so on, reinforce what you see here.

One of my major concerns is the vast quantities of effluent that currently flows into the Prosser estuary, some distance from the Okehampton site. Despite Tassal's protestations we know that vast quantities of antibiotics are used in the raising of the salmon.

Richard Davoren

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## RECFISHTAS EASTCOAST SALMON FARM SURVEY

At a recent meeting of Recfishtas it was decided to carry out a survey of the old Spring Bay district (from Little Swanport to Rheban). This survey was designed - firstly to measure the opinion of the people who would most likely be affected by the introduction of ocean based fish farms in Okehampton Bay and to find out whether they support the proposal or not. The survey also asked the question within the district whether they support the GSBC borrowing \$4.5 million from the State Government to build a dam at Buckland.

It is Recfishtas's policy to endeavour to get the most accurate information in relation to such issues, given that neither the State Government or the local council had undertaken such a review. We feel that the government and the council therefore are only able to express personal opinion. The results of this survey should greatly assist in informing them of local opinion. After all we elect these people to represent our opinions, this is the way we think democracy should work.

After the closing date of the survey there was a counting of all the returns. Prior to the decanting of the sealed boxes which had been placed in the Triabunna and Orford Post Offices plus those received by post it was declared that any returns which had been duplicated or altered in any way would be declared invalid. This was made possible by the fact that all of the 1,400 forms in circulation at various clubs, business outlets and post offices were chronologically numbered from 1 to 1,400.

Following the count witnessed by two directors of Recfishtas, 3 GSBC Councillors, a Justice of the Peace, 2 retired senior public servants plus several helpers. The count showed an incredible response of 750 returns in total. However, whilst sorting and putting each return in its numerical order it was discovered that 181 forms had either been duplicated or altered, and therefore because of our predetermined definition, were declared invalid.

Given that the survey forms did not state that duplicated or altered forms would not be accepted we decided, in keeping with the principle of transparency, to give two sets of results. One result shows the formal votes only and the second set of results shows all the formals with the duplicated and altered forms (declared invalid) included.

It was obvious that a conscious effort had been made by the pro salmon farm lobby to influence the result as one of the forms alone was duplicated and individually filled out 112 times, all of which supported the introduction of salmon farms at Okehampton Bay and supported the council borrowing the money to build the dam at Buckland. This effort did in fact have a bearing on the overall result as shown.

After the information contained within the 750 returns were down-loaded to a data base, all of the forms were taken, together with a copy of the database to the office of MLC Tanya Rattray, who undertook the task of scrutineering a sample of the returns to verify the accuracy of the downloading of the forms to the database. We have now been advised that she is satisfied that the task has been carried out accurately.

We would like to thank all those who assisted in the completion of this survey.

SIGNED.....D.K. PATON,  
PRESIDENT RECFISHTAS (T.A.S.F.A. Inc.)

## FISH FARMS ON THE EAST COAST

DO THE PEOPLE IN THE AREA SURVEYED WANT  
FISH FARMS IN OKEHAMPTON BAY?

### SURVEY RESULTS

87.35%	OF FORMAL VOTES	SAY NO
9.31%	“ “ “	SAY YES
3.34%	“ “ “	UNDECIDED

RESULTS WITH DUPLICATED & ALTERED RETURNS  
INCLUDED

74%.....	SAY NO
23%.....	SAY YES
3% .....	UNDECIDED

SHOULD THE GSBC BORROW \$4.5 MILLION  
DOLLARS TO BUILD A DAM AT BUCKLAND?

## SURVEY RESULTS

76%	OF FORMAL VOTES	-----	SAY NO		
12%	:	:	-----	SAY YES	1
12%	:	:	-----	UNDECIDED	

RESULTS WITH DUPLICATED OR ALTERED FORMS  
INCLUDED

65%	-----	SAY NO
24%	-----	SAY YES
11%	- -----	UNDECIDED

Survey forms received

750



Invalid 181

Valid returns

569 100%

Locations and resultant choice as indicated on survey forms

Note! Not all fields were filled in.

Note: Figures for "undecided" not included in tables.

Perm 229  
34%

Status

Non-perm 437  
66%

Yes

No

Yes

No

12 %

Orford  
27

88 %

11 %

Orford  
212

89 %

0 %

Outside GSBC  
0

0 %

17 %

Outside GSBC  
108

83 %

29 %

Triabunna  
46

71 %

23 %

Triabunna  
40

77 %

78 %

Buckland  
9

22 %

0 %

Buckland  
0

0 %

32 %

Ponty/Bicheno  
39

68 %

8 %

Ponty/Bicheno  
13

92 %

Orford  
239

Outside GSBC  
108

Triabunna  
86

Buckland  
9

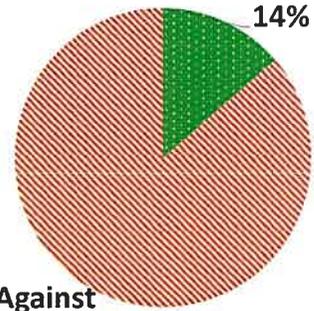
Ponty/Bicheno  
52

10%  
Yes

90%  
No

Support for Dam

For 14%



Against 86%

Dear Editor,

Kathryn Farma (letters 14 March) comments on the fact that salmon are fed on the leftovers of poultry farms.

We are what we eat, and presumably, salmon are what they eat. So ultimately we ingest the diet of the salmon, if we eat salmon.

But poultry feathers and the innards and waste from chickens is only part of my concerns.

*According to the 7.30 Report in 2009: "Figures published by the fishing industry show that in the years 2006 to 2008 almost 18 TONNES OF ANTIBIOTICS oxytetracycline and amoxicillin were fed to Tasmanian salmon. The majority appears to have been used by the dominant company Tassal"*

*But in 2017, Tassal says" Like any farmer we are morally obligated to look after our livestock on the rare occasion they get sick. Antibiotics, just as in human medicine, are a tool for our veterinarian. It is rare for us to treat our fish with antibiotics, however, any salmon that are treated must go through a lengthy withdrawal period to ensure the antibiotic is cleansed from their system".*

Tassal would have us believe since 2008, they have reduced the use of antibiotics by many tonnes. Are the fish, like those growing in Macquarie Harbour, much healthier now?

The beef industry has phased out growth hormones. How does Tassal obtain the remarkable growth rates of its salmon? Good feed? Growth Hormone? Genetic modification?

Only Tassal knows.

Richard Davoren

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