

Presentation to SEACHANGE Stakeholder Working Group

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What is EDS?

- Established in 1971
- Professionally based ENGO
- Not mass-membership
- Think Tank and Litigator
- Partnerships / collaborative / moderate



Collaboration elsewhere



- The *Seachange* process has antecedents:
 - Mackenzie Country Forum
 - Auckland transport funding
 - Kaikōura Marine Reserve
- And descendants: Oceans Forum
- But the biggie was LWF (2008)



Land and Water Forum

- Governments had tried and failed
- Indicators going south; too much litigation; stakeholder initiative
- 3 years and counting: big complex issues; challenging process
- Outcome is suite of agreed reforms for freshwater management, plus new mates
- Moral authority, so good (but not perfect) uptake by Government

Freshwater management

- Current processes underway using Schedule 1 RMA
- RPS reviews current for both Waikato and Auckland
- New collaborative processes soon: regional limit setting with national framework and bottom lines
- Water quality limits will drive on-farm practices: stock numbers; farming methods; winter vs summer management; N and P
- Sediment a key pollutant
- Gap between NZCP and NPS-FWM re estuaries

Aquaculture



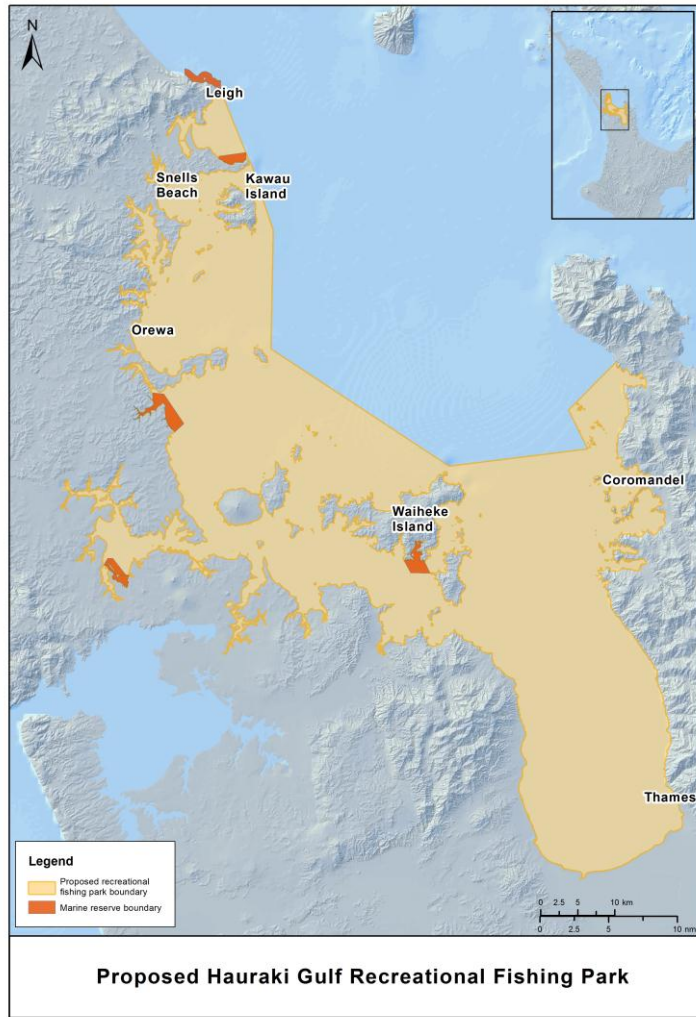
- Big issue for Gulf: shellfish and finfish have different impacts
- Driver for good catchment management of runoff
- *EDS v King Salmon* implications re location of aquaculture
- Internationally 60% of new aquaculture is on land
- An issue that lends itself well to collaborative process and spatial planning

Fishing



- Fishing sector aims to grow through higher value product cf volume
- Focus too on social license to operate
- Clear need to address impacts
- Fishing methods important: innovation possible eg Precision Harvesting
- Like freshwater, can expect tighter limits and scrutiny

Marine protection



- Reform bill expected soon
- New legislation will enable wider range of tools, not just no-take reserve
- And will use collaboration to engage communities
- Government's HG Marine Fishing Park needs work
- Seachange can feed into reform by saying what types of protection require



Big picture conclusions

- Government right behind *Seachange*: Nikki Kaye; Nick Smith
- They are keen to update Hauraki Gulf Act if agreed
- Can expect agency uptake through existing policy processes
- But cross-cutting legislation definitely on the cards if required: Hauraki Gulf spatial plan
- *Seachange* is important game-breaker for Gulf – can stop the decline the latest State of the Gulf report shows.