

From: Ministry of Fisheries

To: Commercial and non-commercial fisheries interest groups and individuals.

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Kia Ora Koutou,

We have received notice today that a decision was made last Thursday on the application for a staged development of up to two hundred turbines in the Kaipara Harbour.

The committee has decided to grant the resource consent needed from the Regional Council for the project and has also recommended that the Minister of Conservation grants the further consent required. The consent granted has a number of conditions that must be followed, including the requirement to stage the development, with 20 generation units placed initially (Stage 1) followed by a further 20 (Stage 2), then a further 40 (Stage 3) and finally the last 120 units (Stage 4). Between each stage extensive environmental monitoring must take place and the activity must be adapted prior to the next stage if negative effects on the environment are being observed.

The Northland Regional Council press release and the final decision can be found at this address <http://www.nrc.govt.nz/News/Staged-tidal-power-generation-recommended/>.

All submitters should have been sent a copy of this decision. Submitters are able to lodge an appeal or enquiry with the Environment Court within 15 working days of receiving the decision.

Regards

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