

Committee Secretary  
Senate Standing Committees on Environment and Communications  
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Dear Committee Secretary,

Please find attached 5 documents that collectively form the *Tasmanian Abalone Council Ltd Submission* to the 2015 ***Senate Inquiry into regulation of the Fin Fish aquaculture industry in Tasmania.***

The primary document is document number one (1) and the other four (4) are support documents.

The documents are as follows:

1. *Tasmanian Abalone Council Ltd Submission to the Senate Inquiry into regulation of the Fin Fish aquaculture industry in Tasmania*, Tasmanian Abalone Council Ltd, May 2015
2. *Coastal marine sediment and water quality: contaminant versus pollutant risk assessment in relation to the Tasmanian salmonid industry*, Dr Julie Mondon, Deakin University, May 2015
3. *Risks to the Tasmanian Abalone Fishery from further expansion of the Salmonid industry*, Tasmanian Abalone Council Ltd, October 2014.
4. *Tasmanian Abalone Council Ltd preliminary response to EIS to accompany draft Amendment No.1 to Storm Bay off Trumpeter Bay North Bruny Island MFDP July 1998 (Huon Aquaculture)*, Tasmanian Abalone Council Ltd, updated version, May 2015
5. *It smells fishy –Tasmania’s Marine Farming Regulatory Framework, and how to improve it*, Environmental Defenders Office (Tas), 2012

Please note that the primary document (number 1) has been written with extensive input from a former Tasmanian Salmon Farm Operations manager with 10 years experience in all aspects of the Tasmanian salmonid industry. Please also note that he is willing to meet directly with members of the Senate Inquiry Committee to discuss any aspect of salmonid farming operations from the unique (and valuable) perspective of a former employee of a leading Tasmanian salmon grower.

Document number 2 was commissioned by the TAACL to provide an independent scientific perspective regarding degradation of the marine ecosystem by salmonid related activities. Dr Julie Mondon is a senior lecturer and researcher at the School of Life & Environmental Sciences Centre for Integrative Ecology at Deakin University.

Document number 3 is the initial TACL submission provided to the Tasmanian Government in October 2014 highlighting the risks to the Tasmanian abalone fishery from further expansion of the salmonid sector.

Document number 4 is an updated version of the December 2014 TACL submission to the Marine Farm Planning Review Panel re the amendment to the Storm Bay/Bruny Island Marine Farm Development Plan July 1998 by Huon Aquaculture.

Document number 5 is an assessment by the Environmental Defenders Office (EDO Tas) of the regulatory framework of the Tasmanian Salmonid sector and how it compares with salmon farming regulations imposed elsewhere in the world. EDO Tasmania is a non-profit community legal centre advising on Environmental and Planning Law. EDO Tasmania is part of EDO's of Australia which is a national network of environmental lawyers who help people to use the law to protect the environment.

Each of the above five documents makes a series of recommendations regarding ways of improving environmental outcomes of Tasmania's burgeoning Salmonid sector. Please take the time to read each document as collectively they provide a substantial resource of background information that seeks to raise awareness of the serious environmental risks that salmonid farming (as currently practiced) poses to Tasmania's precious marine environment.

**The TACL would welcome the opportunity to make a verbal submission during any hearings in relation to this Inquiry.**

**The Tasmanian Abalone industry looks forward to being involved in this important Senate Inquiry and is hopeful that following the Inquiry, Governments (State and Federal) will work with the Salmonid industry to significantly improve marine environmental outcomes through improved on-farm practices and the imposition of an independently monitored and policed aquaculture compliance regime.**

Yours sincerely,



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