

# Comment on Kōpū Marine Precinct, from Coromandel Marine Farmers Association

## Kōpū Marine Precinct is a Referred Project under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020

Application name	Kōpū Marine Precinct
EPA reference	FTC000034
Applicant/s	Thames Coromandel District Council
Comments due by	1 February 2022
Accessing the application	<a href="https://www.epa.govt.nz/fast-track-consenting/referred-projects/kopu-marine-precinct/the-application/">https://www.epa.govt.nz/fast-track-consenting/referred-projects/kopu-marine-precinct/the-application/</a>

Application by Thames Coromandel District Council (the applicant), under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 (the Act), for resource consents for project being the Kōpū Marine Precinct (the project).

To Kōpū Marine Precinct Application, Environmental Protection Authority, Wellington 6140.

By Email to [kopu.fasttrack@epa.govt.nz](mailto:kopu.fasttrack@epa.govt.nz).

Subject line: "Comments on Kōpū Marine Precinct Fast Track Application (Your name/organisation)

By 1 February 2022

## Our Comment on the Kōpū Marine Precinct

All sections of this form with an asterisk (\*) are mandatory.

### 1. Contact Details

Please ensure that you have authority to comment on the application on behalf of those named on this form.

Organisation name (if relevant)	Coromandel Marine Farmers Association Inc.
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*Email (a valid email address enables us to communicate efficiently with you)	██████████		

**2. \*We will email you draft conditions of consent for your comment**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	I can receive emails and my email address is correct	<input type="checkbox"/>	I cannot receive emails and my postal address is correct
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**3. Please provide your comments on this application**

If you need more space, please attach additional pages. Please include your name, page numbers and the project name on the additional pages.

31 January 2022

Our Coromandel Marine Farmers Association represents all the marine farmers of the Hauraki Gulf, except for the Oyster farmers in Mahurangi Harbour. Our members create annually \$100M of economic and other benefits, most of which is in the TCDC District.

You will be aware that our Industry is centred in the town of Coromandel and also aware of the major initiative we have underway to develop our Sugarloaf Te Ariki Tahī landing port on the south side of Coromandel Harbour. Our fleet and its activities and its shore bases and most crews are domiciled at Coromandel. We now have a fleet of some 2 dozen Mussel farm vessels of ever increasing average size. These vessels need regular eg annual service, plus periodic refit and need good purpose built facilities for that which are in ever shorter supply, with growth in Hauraki’s population, activity and marine fleets. Current service facilities are largely based in Auckland region and the creation of such facilities within TCDC District is especially valuable to our industry.

We write to give our full support to this initiative to develop Kopu as a marine service centre and landing for vessels and related activities. We foresee this expanding considerably in years to come, such as expanded shipbuilding activity, as well as servicing. We expect as per the analysis considerable socioeconomic benefits from Kopu development.

The area and nature of this development at less than 1.5ha is surely a miniscule change and should have minor or less adverse impacts and with multiple compensating important benefits.

We particularly support the more developed option, which we believe is Option 2. We support its greater provision for recreational trailer vessels and likewise thus also trailer-borne commercial vessels eg for commercial fishing. We also support this Option’s better provision for trucks, such as for more turning room.

We fully agree with the AEE and supporting documents, that the proposal is consistent with the RMA and other relevant legislation policies and plans and that the proposal does represent sustainable management of natural and physical resources and also in a manner that avoids, remedies or mitigates adverse effects.

We see this development at Kopu as entirely complementary to our initiative at Sugarloaf Te Ariki Tahī, and we wish the project and its supporters full success.

Yours sincerely

CoroMFA

**Thank you for your comments**