

Appendix 8 Proposal Summary for Stakeholders



PROPOSAL SUMMARY

Establishment of one Marine Farming Zone to contain a MLA of 180 HA

Overview/context:

Tassal has been undertaking a 'South East Optimisation' process to improve the use and management of current leases. The optimisation process aims to increase animal health and welfare, optimise fish growth and support improved environmental management and biosecurity measures. The optimisation project involves Tassal marine farms within southeast Tasmanian waterways and includes amendments to existing marine leases as well as new site developments. Over the past three years, Tassal has publically identified West of Wedge Island in Storm Bay as an area targeted for lease development as part of the Tasman Peninsula and Norfolk Bay Marine Farm Development Plan Area (MFDPA).

Key Points:

- In 2013, Tassal commissioned a broad scale water quality monitoring program in Storm Bay.
- There are currently four Tassal leases in the Tasman Peninsula and Norfolk Bay Marine Farming Development Plan (MFDP) – MF190 Creeses Mistake, MF193 Badger Cove and MF194 Billy Blue (storage lease only) all within the Nubeena area and MF55 Long Bay near Port Arthur. The proposed plan is to develop four additional leases within one zone area as part of an amended Tasman Peninsula and Norfolk Bay MFDP
- This new farming area will provide approximately 72 direct full time positions and benefit the local Tasman Peninsula community and suppliers within the state.
- This proposal summary covers the proposed establishment of a new finfish farming zone located approximately 1.8 km west of Wedge Island in Storm Bay and an amendment to the Tasman Peninsula and Norfolk Bay MFDP boundary to include this new farming area.

Proposal:

The proposed Zone is 2.4 by 3.6 km (approximately 863 Ha) with a maximum lease area of 180 Ha (four leases of approximately 45 Ha).

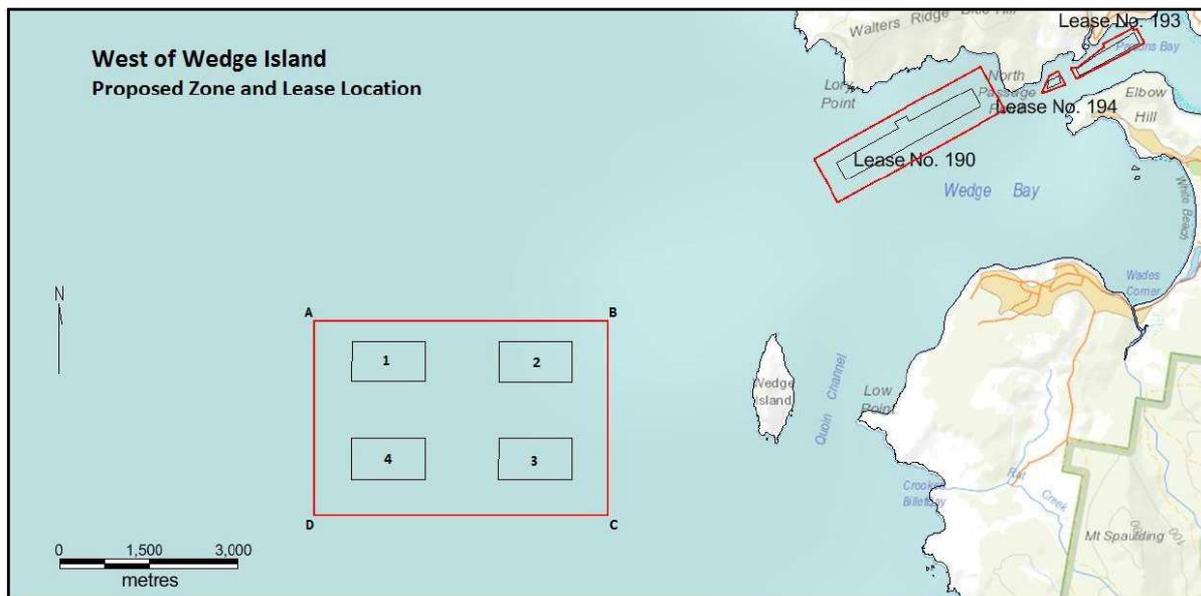
The total zone area is necessary to install the mooring infrastructure in water of this depth. The scope in the mooring system is designed to accommodate the wave action predicted in Storm Bay through the work Tassal has commissioned for this site in line with the research application at this site.

The proposed lease area will have an East/West alignment (as seen map below) with dimensions of 500 m by 900 m for each of the four leases. This equates to a proposed area of 45 Ha for each lease.

Reason for Amendment:

The development in Storm Bay plays a key role in this South East Optimisation Plan allowing offshore development and growth for the business to meet consumer demands.

Tassal Proposed Zone and Lease location
Approximately 1.8 km west of Wedge Island



Stakeholder Engagement

Tassal is working to build relationships with our stakeholders and the community and are committed to providing opportunities for open dialogue. Your feedback regarding the proposed amendment is welcome and we are happy to answer any questions about the proposal or any other questions you have about our operations. If you are interested in obtaining more information or have any questions, you are encouraged to contact Tassal’s Community Engagement Officer Fiona Ewing. (phone: 62 449011 email: fiona.ewing@tassal.com.au).

