

Summary of Information in Aquaculture Reform Regulatory Impact Statement ✓ = option supports objective, x = option does not support objective, ? = unclear if option supports objective, or neutral impact

Option	Objective 1 (reduce regulatory costs and delays)	Objective 2 (promote investment)	Objective 3 (integrated decision making)	Risks	Further work required
Improving the planning framework (p.14)					
Status quo with implementation support	x	✓	x	Does not overcome fundamental problems with law	
New aquaculture allocation legislation	?	✓	x	May just shift problems into different legislation	
Remove prohibition on aquaculture outside AMAs	✓	✓	✓	Some plans may not have provisions to deal well with applications	Assess how coastal plans will deal with applications in absence of AMAs
Government guidance and direction (p.17)					
Lead Minister and agency	?	✓	?	Conflict of interest with Minister / agencies other functions	Coordination of different Ministerial and agency responsibilities in the coastal area
Govt policy strategy and guidance	?	✓	✓	Non-statutory options only work with co-operation	Ensure guidance developed in collaborative, fashion
NES and s360 regulations	✓	✓	?		
Private plan change and call-ins	✓	✓	✓	Precedent of central government ‘taking over’ contentious local issues	Detailed understanding of content and context of coastal plan provisions
New regulation power to change plans	✓	✓	x	Overrides RMA model of devolved regional decision making	
Interface between aquaculture and fisheries (p.19)					
Coordinate UAE with resource consents	✓	?	✓	Resource implications for MFish if receive large numbers of applications with short processing timeframes	Detailed analysis required of how UAE can be implemented alongside consents
Limits on information for test	✓	?	?		Needs clear monitoring and evaluation strategy to determine effectiveness for streamlining the process and enabling agreement
Change agreement level	✓	?	?		
Compensation or retire affected quota	✓	✓	?		
Dealing with high demand (p.21)					
Temporary halt to further applications while plan change prepared	x	x	✓	Responsible Minister may come under lobbying pressure from conservative councils	
New allocation tools for councils	✓	?	✓		Design of allocation tools appropriate for all circumstances
Improving consent investment certainty (p.22)					
Minimum consent duration	✓	✓	x	Perceived stronger rights for aquaculture consents may create more opposition.	
Simplify re-consenting	✓	✓	x		
Default activity status for existing farms	?	✓	x		