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Dear Andrew

Thank you for your correspondence of 28 February 2022 regarding king salmon mortalities and resource management reform. I understand that aquaculture is an important issue for you and your associates.

The Government's Aquaculture Strategy sets priority actions to address the issues you have raised. In general, extending aquaculture into the open ocean will provide opportunities to farm in cooler, deeper waters, and opposition farms away from areas of high competing use and to adapt and mitigate climate change impacts.

I note your submission and provision of evidence to the hearing process on New Zealand King Salmon Ltd.'s "Blue Endeavour" application, and that my officials have inputted to this process and continue to keep me updated. I will watch it with interest. My officials also continue to keep me informed of New Zealand King Salmon's current on-farm challenges following high water temperatures this summer, and the situation is being monitored by Biosecurity New Zealand.

The resource management reforms we are putting in place will deliver a more agile system, better able to adapt to the realities of climate change, including environmental and biosecurity standards, further addressing the concerns you have raised.

Thank you for writing to me on this important matter and for expressing your support for an appropriate charge.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'David Parker'.

Hon David Parker  
**Minister for Oceans and Fisheries**