

Final comments on revised technical reports submitted in support of the application by Taylor Resources for placement of mussel rafts in North Totten Inlet.

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To streamline this final review process I have not written a new report. Instead, I went through the following three documents and used track changes etc to add in various editorial comments and places where clarification is still needed. I have also added in comments that are intended to help Vicki Morris prepare the EIS.

#### **Newell Scientific review of the technical reports**

I have added to my original scientific review where I think that there may be some minor concerns remaining that were not addressed by the revised technical consultant reports. Some of these comments will require the consultants to make some final wording changes to their reports.

#### **NewFields Report**

NewFields did not make it easy to review their revised report as they did not write a separate “response to reviewers” document showing how they altered their original report in response to our reviews. I must say it was a waste of time having to search through their entire document to ferret out the changes they made. Anyway, I have made comments directly on the NewFields report that was submitted as a PDF file. My comments are embedded directly using the text edit mode and also as comment notes. These are mainly wording changes to increase clarity.

#### **Summary Comments by Dr. Brooks**

Dr. Brooks submitted a single document in which he consolidated his response to reviewer comments. This made it much easy to see how he addressed our concerns. I have added some new comments into relevant places in Dr. Brooks’ response document. None of these comments require additional changes to be made to any of Dr. Brooks’ reports.

Overall, I think that most of my concerns are relatively minor. After my suggested changes to the Newfields report have been fully considered I think that the information contained within these numerous reports will be suitable for use as the background information for writing the EIS.