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Dear Mr Spender

Review of the Tasmanian Bivalve Mollusc Biotoxin Management Plan

I refer to your letter of 26 June 2023 to the Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania (NRE Tas) requesting the Tasmanian Bivalve Mollusc Biotoxin Management Plan be revised. I have been advised that staff from NRE Tas's ShellMAP team have been in discussion with your organisation in relation to your request.

ShellMAP is committed to initiating an update of the Biotoxin Management Plan. ShellMAP will conduct a review in conjunction with Dr Ali Turnbull from the Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies. It is anticipated that the review will take approximately three to six months and involve the following steps:

- Undertake a comprehensive review of the biotoxin risk profile associated with each growing area, making use of the most current biotoxin data available.
- Develop a draft revised Biotoxin Management Plan incorporating insights derived from the review of risk profiles.
- Present the revised Biotoxin Management Plan to the ShellMAP Management Committee for further consideration.
- Seek formal approval of the revised Biotoxin Management Plan from NRE Tas's Chief Inspector, Product Integrity and Secretary.
- Submit the revised Biotoxin Management Plan to the Australian Government's Department of Agriculture, Fisheries, and Forestry for endorsement.

Thank you for your letter. NRE Tas will ensure regular updates on the progress of the review and any associated developments. In the meantime should Oysters Tasmania have any queries in relation to this matter, please contact NRE Tas's Edward Forbes, Acting Program Manager ShellMAP by phone on 0429 026 482 or by email at edward.forbes@nre.tas.gov.au.

Your sincerely



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