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Te Papa Atawhai

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Dear Richard

Correction of advice provided by the Department of Conservation regarding the TTR marine consent application under section 44 of the Exclusive Economic Zone and Continental Shelf (Environmental Effect) Act 2012 (EEZ Act)

On 20 March 2017 the Department provided you with an excel spreadsheet of marine mammal sightings as a part of our response to your request of 9 March 2017 to provide database records of sightings and strandings of marine mammals.

It has recently come to my attention that the data in the columns 'Validation' and 'Validati_1' was incorrect due to a data transcription issue. This data is only applicable to Hector's and Māui dolphin sightings from the source coded as '0' and provides information on the reliability of a sighting. We can confirm it was only these two columns (155 Māui/Hector's dolphin sightings) that were affected and the rest of the data is accurate.

Please find attached a corrected version of the marine mammal sightings data.

To the best of my knowledge, the data contained within the two columns in question was not used in any part of the application process, however it is available for download on the EPA website and as a part of the interactive map provided to the Decision Making Committee by the Ngā Motu Marine Reserve Society.

The data used in the Expert Evidence of Dr Simon John Childerhouse on behalf of Trans Tasman Resources Limited of 15 December 2016 did not contain this error.

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I apologise for this error and any inconvenience caused.

Kind regards



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Attachments:

1. Excel spreadsheet – marine-mammal-sightings-TTR_correction-20171206