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Dear Bob

The Hauraki Gulf Forum, at its meeting on 24 September 2012, received a presentation from Dr Rosemary Segdin and Mr Michael Gunson of the Surfbreak Protection Society (appended), during the public input section of the agenda.

They set out concerns about deterioration in the quality of the surfbreak at Whangamata and attribute these changes to dredging activities. This is documented in a well prepared report addressed to the Forum (also appended), which correctly locates the interests of the Forum in such matters under the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park Act.

I understand that Waikato Regional Council has recently advised the society that it will review conditions of consents held by the Whangamata Marina Society, and has received an offer from the Environmental Defence Society to hold a workshop to reach a common understanding on the physical processes that are occurring.

I welcome both of these developments and ask that you keep me apprised on progress in these matters.

Yours sincerely



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