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Tassal statement

Tasmanian seafood company Tassal says it will always abide by the regulator's decision.

Speaking after the release of a statement by EPA Tasmania to reduce the biomass limit in Macquarie Harbour, Tassal CEO and MD Mark Ryan said: "Though we note that the determination is a draft, I want to reassure the local community and our employees that the long-term sustainability of Macquarie Harbour continues to be our first priority.

"This is demonstrated by the fact that Tassal has already voluntarily reduced stocking numbers in the harbour and will continue to work with IMAS scientists to understand the optimal carrying capacity for Macquarie Harbour.

"Due to Tassal's geographical diversification, this short-term decrease will not have a material impact on our business or our ability to supply salmon to customers nor our Strategic Plan targets.

"We will manage through the current conditions in order to have the best outcome for the environment, our fish and the regional community of Strahan."

Mr Ryan said Macquarie Harbour was important for the Tasmanian salmon industry.

He said Tassal and Petuna - which were both ASC certified - viewed the harbour as an important part of their respective operations' natural capital and would continue to farm sustainably and with the utmost respect for the natural environment.

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About Tassal

Tassal Group Limited (ASX: TGR) is a vertically integrated salmon grower and salmon and seafood processor, seller and marketer. The Company produces and sells premium salmon and seafood products for both the Australian domestic and export markets. Tassal grows delicious, fresh and healthy Atlantic salmon in Tasmania's fresh waters and through its De Costi Seafood business sources and processes a wide range of seafood. Tassal is committed to taking a leadership role in sustainability in aquaculture and seafood sourcing. The company employs more than 1,200 people. Visit www.tassal.com.au for more information.