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Dear Stakeholder Engagement Plan leads

The rational for engagement of the ***Scientific and Research Community*** stakeholder group is ***To access world-leading research from institutions (IMAS, CSIRO, Cawthron Institute) and independent experts in similar roles outside Australia and New Zealand.*** Tasmania has for many decades supported one of the largest concentrations of marine scientists globally across several institutions. It also has many scientists that have recently either retired or left these institutions, but who have considerable state-based insights as well as national and international recognition. These scientists can provide valuable insights from their experience working within Tasmania and abroad. As such, I would suggest that the membership of the Scientific and Research Community also includes relevant Tasmanian based expertise that is external to those institutions identified in the study plan.

I am a scientist with nearly 50 years of research experience, including over 30 years in Tasmania, in sustainable natural resource use. I have a MSc in Aquaculture and a PhD in Fisheries. I have led many of the research programs at TAFI (forerunner to IMAS), including the Sustainable Fisheries Program, Sustainable Environment Program and Climate Change (impacts on marine resources) Program. My last position was as the inaugural Director of the Centre for Marine Socioecology – a collaboration between CSIRO and the University of Tasmania. I was also a creator and lead co-developer of the Blue Economy CRC. I am a member of NOAA's Centre for Independent Experts where my role has focused on interpreting the biological outcomes from NOAA's fishery assessments. Since retiring, I have co-written several talking point/opinion pieces in the local paper to help the public understand the science that surrounds the salmon industry. I believe that I have considerable relevant expertise that can address both Phase 1 and Phase 2 of study plan and would welcome an invitation to become a member of the Scientific and Research Community stakeholder group.

Kind regards
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