

# Ōpōtiki District



# Ōpōtiki as a District

- 25% land area of Bay of Plenty
- 50% of the BOP coastline
- Most productive coast in NZ
- 75% area non-rateable/conservation land

Strategic look to marine and conservation uses



# The Council

- 6 Councillors and a mayor
- \$12M expenditure
- Total rates \$9M
- Lowest revenue and expenditure per ratepayer in NZ
- Little debt
- 1% rate incr = \$90k
- Thrifty!

# The 10 year Work programme

1. Business as usual – maintain LOS
2. Ōpōtiki Sewerage reticulation
  - For renewal \$8M
  - Growth \$4M
3. Library (grant funding reliant) \$3M
4. Harbour \$5.4M



# Why Aquaculture?

- Potential to transform the Eastern Bay
- Marine environment provides opportunity
- Environmental Sustainability is proven
- Demand is there
- Brings employment in support industries
- Water space is locally controlled

# \$12M collectively so far

- BOPRC – science, modelling, planning, Strategy, Regional Aq Organisation
- ODC – research, consents, infrastructure, business case, funding applications
- Whakatōhea – research, consents, trials
- Bay Polytech – research, facilities

# Financial Support

- BayTrust
- BoP Regional Council
- MED/NZT&E
- Toi-EDA

# Opotiki District Council Harbour Entrance

- 200 submissions support/no appeal
- 89% of community say “very important”
- 77% prepared to contribute
- Fully Consented
- Updated business case(s) now finalised
- Part funding needed



# Long Term Plan

## Assumes:

- A developing Aquaculture Industry with the potential to create employment opportunities and growth
- Some population growth and benefits will be outside district
- \$5.4M ratepayer contribution cap (repaid from revenue)
- Regional Funding \$18M + \$2M
- Central Government Funding \$25M requested

# Eastern Seafarms



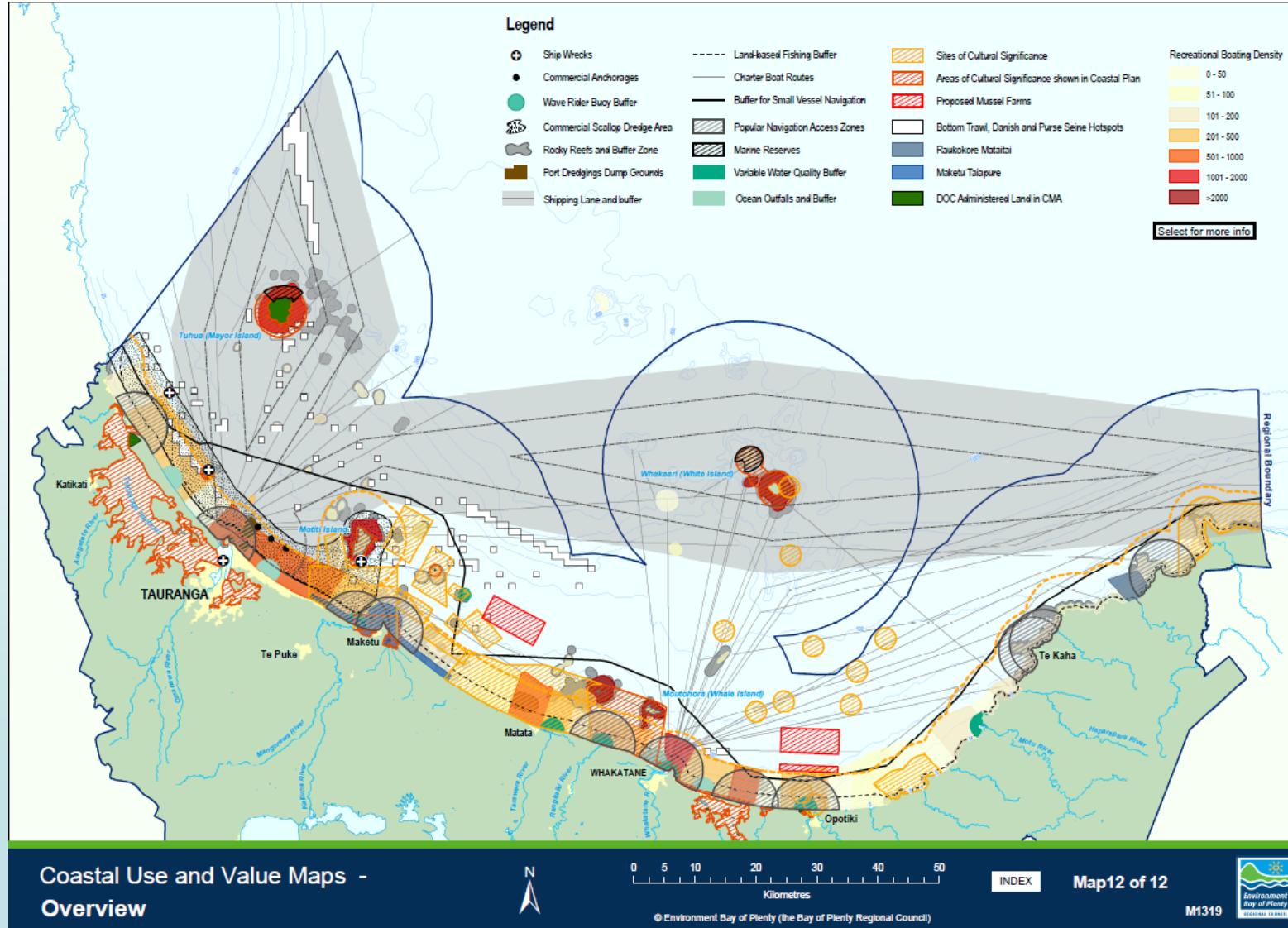
Whakatōhea Māori Trust Board

- Property rights (Water space) - 35 yrs
- 3,800 hectares / 8.5 kilometers off the coast / Depth 40 to 45 meters
- Fully consented to farm shellfish, sea cucumber, native seaweed
- Current Ownership

Whakatohea	54%	
Sealords	26%	Transferring to locally owned company
NZ Seafarms	20%	Transferring to locally owned company

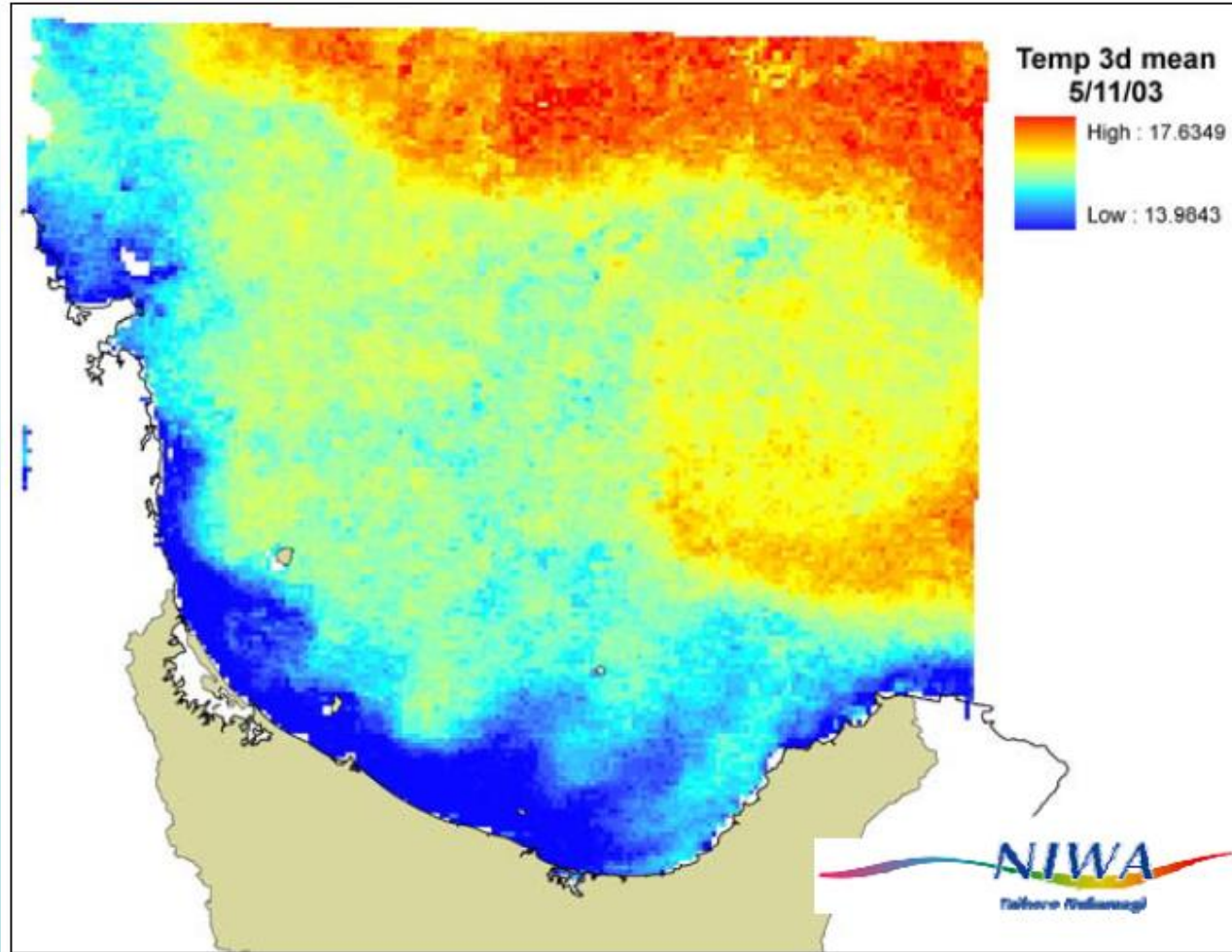


# Opotiki Site - Overview

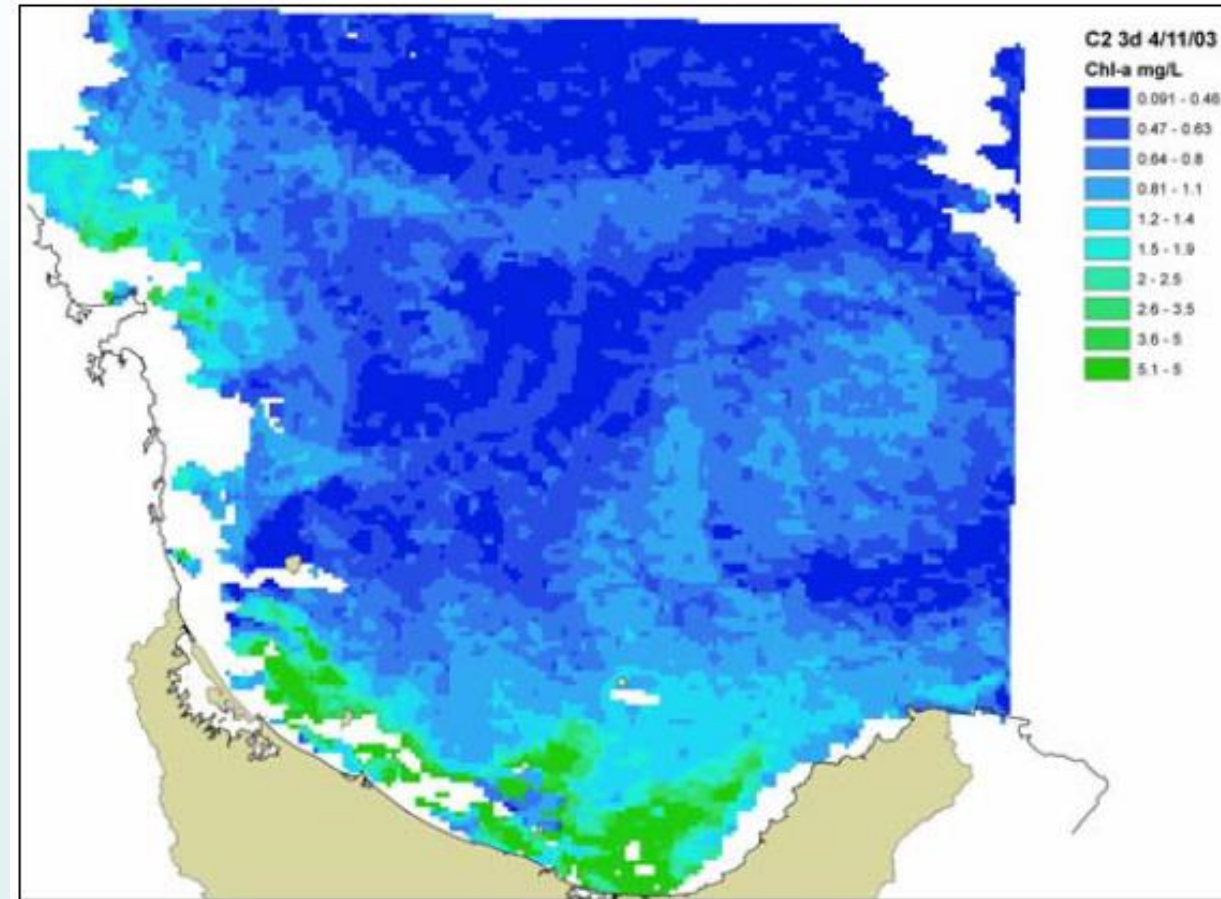




# Opotiki Site - Overview



Sea Surface temperature



Phytoplankton biomass (mussel food)

# Harbour

- Aquaculture requires 24/7 access
- It is fully consented
- Two 500 metre training walls
- Mouth closure
- One-off Dredging
- Wharfage
- Tourism/Charter businesses



Harbour is enabling public Infrastructure



conceptual image only





# Benefits

- Contribution to GDP through mussels alone, conservatively estimated at \$41million-\$55million.
- 318 to 450 jobs
- benefit to cost ratio - \$7.30 for every \$1 invested in the harbour
- Improved social statistics
- Revenue payback via tax in 4 to 5 years

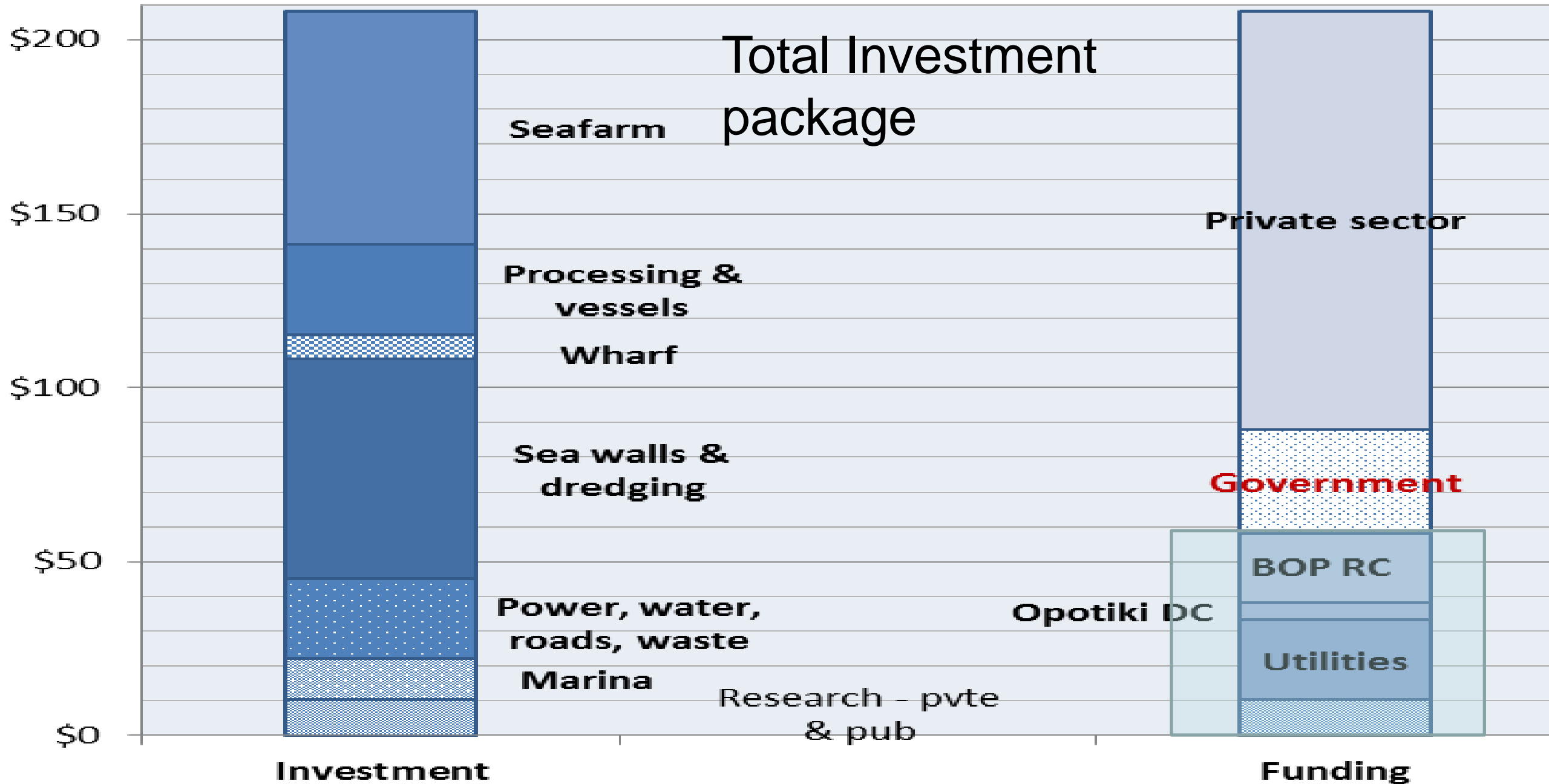
# Employment Projections

(Corydon-Sapere Feb 2012)

<b>Summary of FTEs - year 12</b>	<b>Business case Total FTEs</b>	<b>Full capacity FTE's</b>
<b>Mussel farm, vessels and on-water managers</b>	33	39
<b>Processing</b>	225	268
<b>Hatchery</b>	8.0	8.0
<b>Commercial managers and administration</b>	8.0	8.0
<b>Associated businesses and flow-on effects (Indirect and induced FTEs)</b>	99	109
<b>Charter fishing, eco-tourism, property services</b>	16	16
<b>Total FTEs created, year 12</b>	<b>389</b>	<b>449</b>

# Timelines

- Commercial mussel production and spat collection lines installed September
- Additional lines July/Aug 2015, then annually
- First main harvest of mature mussels late 2015, then annually
- Servicing installation, harvesting via Whakatane will continue 4 years, or until Opotiki Harbour completed.
- Longer term Ancillary servicing via Whakatane



# What do we need?

- Secure commitment from government to provide funding in 2017-18
- Continue Developing Farm
- Use of Whakatāne Harbour
  - Construction
  - 4 years harvest
  - Long term ancillary servicing
- Social Planning



**Thank You**

