

**PUBLIC PETITIONS COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION OF PE1336:  
QUESTIONS ARISING FROM COMMITTEE MEETINGS  
(See 'Written submissions' for responses)**

**TUESDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2010—**

**Scottish Government—**

- Will you provide a response to the Committee to the questions posed by the petitioner in its submission [PE1336/F](#)?

**TUESDAY 7 SEPTEMBER 2010—**

**Scottish Government (covering [Marine Scotland](#))—**

- Will you take, as requested by the petitioner, immediate action to protect wild salmon and sea trout stocks from inappropriate commercial fish farm activities by taking action to ensure that (a) all sea-based fish farms are moved away from the estuaries of major wild salmon rivers to reduce the impact of sea lice and (b) ban salmon smolt farms from operating within any wild salmon river system?
- What is your response to the points made in the petition and the specific action called for by the petitioner, including the nine bullet points and three questions at the end of the petition?
- What assistance is available to fish farmers who wish to move off shore?
- When will the marine licensing scheme administered by Marine Scotland come into force?
- What work is being taken forward by the Expert Group on siting of aquaculture facilities in Scotland which is direct relevance to this petition and what is the timetable for action from that Group?
- How is the regulatory framework being properly applied? Who is monitoring this? [point made by Paul Knight in response to question from Convener]
- What use is being made of s5 of the Aquaculture (Scotland) Act6 2007? What statistics can you provide on the number of tests and inspections?

**[Association of Salmon Fishery Boards](#)—**

**[Association of Scottish Shellfish Growers](#)—**

**[Scottish Anglers National Association](#)—**

**[Scottish Natural Heritage](#)—**

**[Scottish Salmon Producers Organisation](#)—**

**[Shetland Aquaculture](#)—**

**[WWF Scotland](#)—**

**Friends of the Earth Scotland—**

- What is your response to the points made in the petition and the specific action called for by the petitioner?