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Fergus D. Cochrane
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Dear Mr Cochrane

Reference: Public Petition PE1336

I thank you for the invitation to respond to the Public Petition PE1336:

Petition by Lawson Devery on behalf of the Salmon and Trout Association calling on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to take 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.

Although salmon and trout are one of the many issues under discussion within the Aquaculture Dialogue process – an international forum engaging a range of stakeholders to develop standards for responsible aquaculture -, due to lack of expertise on the specific issues raised in this petition within WWF Scotland, I regret that we will have to decline to submit a response to the Public Petitions Committee.

Should you require any more information on WWF Scotland's work in future, please do not hesitate to contact me on egroeneveld@wwfscotland.org.uk or on 01350 728200.

Yours sincerely

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