Supplementary written evidence from Callander McDowell

After consideration of the evidence gathering sessions held in December, Callander McDowell wishes to submit the following supplementary evidence to the Committee.

In order to protect and conserve stocks of wild Atlantic salmon:

The Annual Close Time for every fishery district of not less than 168 days, as laid out in the Salmon & Freshwater Fisheries (Scotland)(Consolidation) Act 2003, should apply to every mode of fishing for and taking of salmon including the taking of salmon by rod and line.

The fishing season for salmon by rod and line should begin and end on the same dates every year. This would establish a fixed angling season and a fixed close season that applies to all salmon rivers in Scotland.

Mandatory catch and release should apply to all salmon rivers in Scotland. There is no justification for killing any wild salmon in the pursuit of sport fishing.