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Dear Julie,

### **Salmon Farming Sea Lice Data**

Thank you for your [correspondence](#) of 30 April 2018 on the publication of salmon farming sea lice data by the Scottish Salmon Producer's Organisation.

However, the Committee notes that what has been provided does not correspond with what the Committee recommended should be provided in its recent report on the environmental implications of salmon farming.

I am sure you will have had the opportunity to consider the Committee's view (as detailed in [correspondence](#) (5 March 2018) to the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee) that:

- Sea lice data should be published on a farm by farm basis and that there should be no delay in the publication of this;
- Data should be published in a consistent and comparable basis and include the numbers of fish affected and the action taken in response;
- Historic data sets should be published on a farm by farm basis (from the time records began) and that this should be voluntarily published before the end of April 2018;
- Data on salmon mortality should be published on a farm by farm basis along with contextual information;
- Historic salmon mortality data should be published on a farm by farm basis from the time records are available and that this too should be available by the end of April 2018.

The Committee therefore requests detail from you as to:

- Whether you intend to publish the information requested by the Committee;

- And if so, timescales for this publication and for implementing an annual system of reporting on this basis.

On behalf of the Committee, I would be grateful for this information by XX June 2018 and look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Graeme Dey', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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