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Rural Affairs and Islands Committee

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By email only

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Dear Cabinet Secretary,

Salmon Farming in Scotland

In advance of the evidence session on salmon farming scheduled for 10 May 2023, the Committee would appreciate a written update to the Scottish Government's response to the Rural Economy and Connectivity (REC) report on "Salmon Farming in Scotland", <u>dated 29 January 2019</u>. In view of the timescale for this request, the Committee suggests a short paragraph outlining progress, per recommendation.

The committee would also welcome a brief update on the Scottish Government's progress in implementing the recommendations of Professor Russel Griggs's review of the current regulatory framework for Scottish aquaculture.

The purpose of this would be to inform members of the Scottish Government's current position in advance of the Committee's evidence session to allow a more detailed discussion of the key issues and the Government's progress.

The Committee would appreciate a response by 2 May 2023.

Yours sincerely,

Finlay Carson MSP Convener, Rural Affairs and Islands Committee