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## Rural Affairs and Islands Committee

Mairi Gougeon  
Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands  
Scottish Government

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Dear Cabinet Secretary

### Conservation of Salmon (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025

At the Committee's meeting on Wednesday 14 January, Members agreed to request an update from the Scottish Government on its roll-out of [a fish counter network for monitoring Scottish salmon stocks](#).

The Committee is also keen to receive further information on the [National Electrofishing Programme for Scotland \(NEPS\)](#). This latest report does not include data for 2024-25 and Members would appreciate any updates on whether there are plans to continue this work.

Yours sincerely,

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Convener

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