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Rural Affairs Committee

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Conservation of Salmon (Scotland) Regulations 2026

I am writing to the committee in connection with the upcoming annual amendments of the Conservation of Salmon (Scotland) Regulations 2016 and the wider interest that previous iterations of the Rural Affairs Committee have shown for wild Atlantic salmon.

We have updated our contact list for the notification of the consultation launch to include the Rural Affairs Committee in our circulation. This usually generates two emails a year. Firstly to notify stakeholders [contacts on the mailing list] that the consultation on the proposed conservation statuses that will inform the annual amendment has gone live, and secondly that the consultation outcome report has been published. Occasionally other related matters concerning wild salmon and recreational fisheries may be distributed through this mailing list, for example notification of the publication of the Wild Salmon Strategy Implementation Plan Annual Progress Report or other relevant communications. **Please let us know if you would rather be removed from this list.**

I would also like to take this opportunity to extend an invitation to the Committee members to engage with Scottish Government officials on topics of interest to them in relation to wild Atlantic salmon.

We know that the previous Committee noted for the new incoming Committee to look at 'the conservation status of wild salmon in Scotland as a potential inquiry topic for session 7' in their legacy report and the Committee previously heard evidence on the scientific assessment behind the annual Conservation of Salmon (Scotland) Regulations.

The previous Rural Affairs and Islands Committee visited our Faskally site to meet the scientists behind the scientific assessment and experienced first-hand the work done in the background that contributes to the annual assessment and we would be happy to engage again with the new Committee on this.

We are currently preparing the third iteration of the Wild Salmon Strategy Implementation Plan's Annual Progress Report, reporting on actions taken during 2025, and will pass this onto the Committee members once published. More information on this workstream including the previous progress reports are available [on our website](#).

Should our offer of engagement be of interest to the Committee members, please contact officials at salmonandrecreationalfisheries@gov.scot, who can look to suitable dates and times as required.

Kind regards,



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