Dear Mary,

**Sustainable Seas Inquiry**

I am writing on behalf of the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee (ECCLR Committee) with regard to your Committee’s inquiry on Sustainable Seas.

The ECCLR Committee wished to draw to your attention its recent work on the environmental implications of salmon farming. It commissioned independent research in this area and arranged its inquiry in order to contribute to a wider inquiry into the industry being conducted by the Scottish Parliament’s Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee (REC Committee).

Following our deliberations, the Committee wrote to the REC Committee outlining its thoughts, including that “the status quo is not an option”.

We hope the detail we have highlighted in our letter is of interest to you as you carry out your work on sustainable seas and wish you well in your work.

Please let me know, via the Clerks, if we can be of further assistance.

Yours sincerely,

Graeme Dey MSP
Convener
Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee