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Dear Edward,

Environmental Implications of Aquaculture

As you are aware, ahead of the Rural Economy and Connectivity (REC) Committee's work on the aquaculture industry, the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform (ECCLR) Committee will consider the environmental implications of aquaculture and recently commissioned research by the Scottish Association for Marine Science (SAMS).

Given the mutual interest of both committees in this subject, at its meeting yesterday the ECCLR Committee agreed to invite a reporter from the REC Committee to attend its meetings when this item is considered. The proposed dates are:

- 23 January 2018 at 12:00 (approach to call for evidence)
- 30 January 2018 at 09:30 (evidence session with stakeholders)
- 6 February 2018 at 09:30 (evidence session with stakeholders)
- 27 February 2018 at 10:30 (consider recommendations to the REC Committee)

Should the REC Committee wish to nominate a reporter to these meetings, the Committee will ensure that they are:

- provided with copies of any private papers in relation to this item;
- invited to the Committee's pre-briefs (during which it considers the smooth operation of the meeting); and
- Invited to participate in private discussions to consider evidence heard.

The ECCLR Committee would also welcome the opportunity to send a reporter to the REC Committee meetings on the basis outlined above. Should this be approved by the REC Committee, the ECCLR Committee has provisionally nominated Donald Cameron MSP as its reporter.

I hope this proposal is agreeable to you and I 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.

Graeme Dey MSP
Convener
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