Review – Protection of Wild Mammals (Scotland) Act 2002 Natural Resources Division The Scottish Government 1-C North, Victoria Quay EDINBURGH EH6 6QQ

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Dear Sirs,

Wild Mammals (Scotland) Act 2002 - Hunting / Foxes

I understand there is a Review taking place.

The <u>Control of Foxes</u> remains very important – as it always has done. The only question is how it is best achieved. It is questionable whether it is better, and kinder, for Foxes to be controlled by Shooting or by Hounds capturing/killing. The latter happens very quickly and the former can sometimes go wrong.

A proper Pack of Hounds is essential. The thought that 2 Hounds might work is ridiculous. They would miss a lot of Foxes and not necessarily flush them properly.

It is also most important to remember that Hunting is an important part of Country Affairs. It brings important resources through Horses and Hunts which are in effect Country Clubs. Point-to-Points are an important element of Hunting and it would be disastrous if these were lost.

As a minimum, the present Act situation should continue, or be reverted to normal Fox Hunting.

Yours truly,

Major General C A Ramsay