

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST - FOI/17/02539

Copy of email correspondence between Roseanna Cunningham and Marine Scotland regarding the reclassification of the River Earn from a category 2 to a category 3 river under The Conservation of Salmon (Scotland) Regulations 2016

From: Main K (Keith)
Sent: 29 August 2017 14:32
To: Cabinet Secretary for the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform
Cc: [Information redacted]
Subject: OFFICIAL - SENSITIVE: Conservation of Salmon - Assessment for 2018

PS/Cabinet Secretary for the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform

Please see the attached submission (5 pages plus two annexes) setting out the emerging results from the latest annual assessment of salmon stocks for the 2018 fishing season. This summarises the results, highlights the downturn in conservation status overall across Scotland, and seeks the Cabinet Secretary's agreement to proceed to the statutory 28 day consultation on the assessment.

Subject to Ms Cunningham's views, our intention is to publish the proposed gradings for rivers and assessment groups, along with the supporting technical documents and guides, on Friday 8 September. We are working with Comms colleagues to prepare a short press release and other material, as well lines on issues including potential concerns around the impact of fish farming on wild stocks, and will advise on these matters separately.

Ms Cunningham will wish to note for her constituency interests that the latest assessment for the River Earn, which is in the Tay District, is Category 3: that is, exploitation is considered unsustainable, and mandatory catch and release should apply to all methods of fishing in the river for the 2018 season. The River Tay itself remains a Category 1 river.

<< attachment>> [Redacted]

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From: Johnston DM (David) **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform
Sent: 05 September 2017 11:50
To: Main K (Keith); [Redacted]
Subject: RE: OFFICIAL - SENSITIVE: Conservation of Salmon - Assessment for 2018

Thanks Keith,



Ms Cunningham has noted the submission. [Redacted]

David

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