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Here's our contribution for this case – see below. Let me know if you need anything more.

Regards

Weather conditions at present are suitable for trapping and traps are set. There is on-going communication between the specialist contractor employed and SNH staff on her actions, and the trapping effort in response to beaver activity is under continuous review. No animals have been trapped as of 24 September. We expect to continue trapping while conditions at the trapping and receptor sites are suitable and would emphasise the point that to assure animal welfare issues weather conditions and food availability at both are being continually reviewed. The trapping effort will continue for the next few weeks unless either condition deteriorates rapidly. While successfully removing this family from Beauly remains the SNH objective, animal welfare at all times during the trapping project remains our key concern.

As described in the Plan Risks and Welfare paper we prepared, we are aware of in particular, the risk of catching only part of the family group in the autumn. We would wish to continue with the trapping effort into October so long as conditions remain favourable so as to allow trapped and translocated animals time to settle into their new environment before the onset of winter conditions. While there is a risk, as we state, of animals remaining at Beauly at the time when we must cease trapping for weather reasons, there is good reason, based on experience elsewhere to expect that such animals, including yearlings, will survive the winter period even if the family is split. We are also satisfied that the receptor site would remain suitable for the addition of any remaining animals that were, because of circumstances, trapped in the new year

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I should be grateful if SNH could provide me with their comments regarding welfare issues of the trapping and moving of beavers as per the attached case. A response by cop 29 September would be helpful.
Best regards
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