

3.1	3.4	4.1	5	A&B	6.26	6.27	6.28	7	Total	Comments
3	3	4	2	3.43	4	4	3.5	4	30.93	[REDACTED]
3	3	4	2	3.43	4	4	3.5	4	30.93	[REDACTED]
2	3	2	2	4	4	4	3	4	28	[REDACTED]
2	3	3	2	3.57	4	4	4	0	25.57	[REDACTED]
1	3	2	3	3	2.5	3	3	4	24.5	[REDACTED]
0	3	4	2	1.49	4	4	3	3	24.49	+ local economy. [REDACTED]
2	3	3	2	2.86	4	4	3.5	0	24.36	[REDACTED]
2	3	3	2	2.74	4	4	3.5	0	24.24	[REDACTED]
1	3	3	2	4	3.5	4	3.5	0	24	[REDACTED]
1	3	3	2	3.86	3.5	4	3.5	0	23.86	[REDACTED]
2	1	3	1	3.14	4	4	2.5	3	23.64	[REDACTED]
2	2	3	1	3.57	4	4	3	1	23.57	[REDACTED]
2	3	3	2	4	4	4	1.5	0	23.5	[REDACTED]
2	2	3	2	3.86	3	4	3.5	0	23.36	3.1 basic set of ascertians, 3.4 attempts to show benefits of boat being in an area, 4.1 good risk assessment, no research experience. [REDACTED]
2	2	2	3	3.57	3	4	3.5	0	23.07	[REDACTED] no research experience
1	3	3	2	2.29	4	4	3.5	0	22.79	[REDACTED]
1	1	3	3	2.71	4	4	4	0	22.71	[REDACTED]
0	3	2	2	3.14	2.5	3	3	4	22.64	[REDACTED]
2	3	2	2	2.54	3.5	4	3.5	0	22.54	[REDACTED] 3.4 good, 7 very good.
2	3	2	2	2.26	3.5	4	3.5	0	22.26	[REDACTED] 7 annual survey
1	1	3	2	2.86	4	4	3.5	0	21.36	[REDACTED]
1	2	3	1	3.14	4	4	2	1	21.14	[REDACTED]
1	2	3	1	3.14	4	4	2	1	21.14	[REDACTED]
3	3	2	2	4	3	2	2	0	21	[REDACTED]
1	2	3	1	2.57	4	4	2	1	20.57	demonstrates input to local economy, no research experience
1	2	2	1	4	4	4	2.5	0	20.5	[REDACTED]
1	2	3	1	2.57	4	4	2	0	19.57	[REDACTED]

2	2	1	1	3.03	4	4	2.5	0	19.53	
2	1	1	1	3.29	1.6	4	1.5	3	18.39	3.1 basic
3	2	1	2	2.74	1	3	3.5	0	18.24	
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2	2	1	1	2.17	4	4	0.5	0	16.67	
1	1	1	1	1.86	3	4	3.5	0	16.36	
2	2	1	1	3.57	1	2	3.5	0	16.07	3.4 basic set of ascertians,
1	1	1	0	0.74	3	4	3.5	0	14.24	
0	1	1	0	1.57	3	4	3.5	0	14.07	5. no evidence provided.
1	1	1	0	0.29	3	4	3.5	0	13.79	
1	1	1	0	0.17	3	4	3.5	0	13.67	
1	1	1	0	0	3	4	3.5	0	13.5	
5. no evidence provided.										
0	1	1	0	0.57	3	4	3.5	0	13.07	
2	1	1	1	2	1	2	1	0	11	
0	1	1	0	0.57	2.5	1	3.5	0	9.57	
1	2	1	0	0.86	0.5	0	0	2	7.36	Poor evidence of RA, no evidence of DPP, No daily dive log.
1	2	1	0	0.57	0.5	0	0	2	7.07	Poor evidence of RA, no evidence of DPP, No daily dive log.
0	1	2	1	0	0.5	1	0.5	0	6	RA and DPP poor,
0	1	0	1	3.29	0	0	0	0	5.29	No evidence of RA, DPP, No daily dive log
1	0	0	2	0.86	0	0	0.5	0	4.36	No meaningful RA,PP

1 1 0 0 2.29 0 0 0 4.29

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] No evidence supplied for daily dive log.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 30 January 2018 16:33

**To:** Cabinet Secretary for the Rural Economy and Connectivity

[REDACTED]  
**Subject:** SCOT WEST SHELLFISH LIMITED

**Importance:** High

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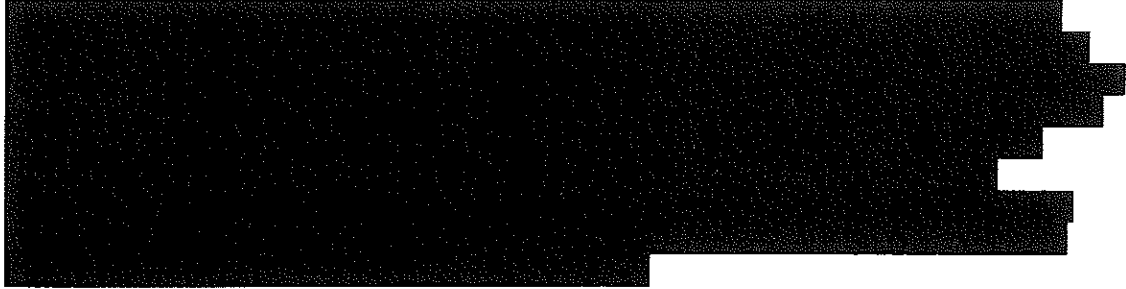
**SCOT WEST SHELLFISH LIMITED**

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
I am afraid that the applications did score poorly. They were considered individually, but did have similar flaws:

- The evidence about positive economic link to coastal communities was limited. The applications did of course highlight connection to the factory, and were given credit for this, but there was limited evidence about the positive impact of the vessels or their link to a particular place in Scotland; but,

**The most important shortcomings related to diving safety.** It was made clear to applicants that sufficient numbers of appropriately certified divers would be required for an application to be successful, and successful applicants in general were able to give details of divers and their certification. **No application associated with Scot West included details for a minimum number of certified divers that would allow them to comply with existing health and safety regulations (not additional requirements from the trial).** Instead, they stated that further divers would be employed subject to the vessel being accepted into the trial, and several applications were marked down on this category because no diver details were provided and / or the same diving supervisor or diver was nominated for different vessels (and this approach was applied in the same way across all applications). In all our communications about the trial (including in face to face meetings) we had made clear that vessel and diving safety would be our paramount concern, given that the scientific trial had to be conducted at appropriate standards of safety [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

██████████ refers to 30 fishermen. This does not tally with the application forms, where 7 applications involved only 12 separate people, a number of whom were listed against more than one vessel (when each vessel should have a minimum of 3 separate people).



As with other unsuccessful applicants, ██████████ has – as agreed with you – been offered the possibility of a meeting with ██████████ if he remains dissatisfied with the outcome of his applications.



[REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 24 January 2018 09:57

**To:** Cabinet Secretary for the Rural Economy and Connectivity

[REDACTED]  
**Subject:** ROUTINE: FOR INFORMATION: SCIENTIFIC TRIAL OF ELECTRO-FISHING FOR RAZOR FISH

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[REDACTED]  
Application process

2. A total of 51 applications were received and were scored in a process that involved Marine Scotland, the Health and Safety Executive and the Marine and Coastguard Agency. Applications gave details of fishing activity, economic link to Scotland, experience of research and, crucially, diving and vessel safety. Of the 51 applications, 31 achieved a score of 50% or more (where 50% meant that on average their application was regarded as "acceptable"). Of these 31, [REDACTED] were excluded on grounds that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]