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By email only

Dear Edward,

**Follow-up inquiry into salmon farming in Scotland**

As you will be aware, the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee will shortly be embarking on a follow-up inquiry into salmon farming in Scotland that will assess progress in implementing the recommendations of the Rural Economy and Connectivity (REC) Committee in its [wide-ranging investigation](#) into the issue in Session 5. This inquiry was also informed by work undertaken by the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform (ECCLR) Committee which [examined the environmental impacts](#) of salmon farming.

The remit of our inquiry is to 'follow-up' on a selection of key findings set out by the REC Committee, with a view to establishing how the Scottish Government has taken forward that Committee's recommendations for the aquaculture sector.

The Committee will commence its evidence taking on 5 June and will continue holding evidence sessions with stakeholders at meetings until summer recess. It will then take concluding evidence from the salmon industry followed by the Scottish Government at meetings in the Autumn. Further details on the timetable of the inquiry can be found [on our webpage](#).

This work will include consideration of the recommendations made by the ECCLR Committee, relating to policy areas now within the remit of the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee. I am, therefore, writing to you as a courtesy to make you aware of our intention to consider these matters.

Please let me know if you, or your Committee, would like any further information relating to our inquiry; the clerks will ensure counterparts in your Committee are kept updated on our inquiry work as it progresses.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Finlay Carson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**Finlay Carson MSP**  
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