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Dear Mr Bilsby,

Inquiry into salmon farming in Scotland

The Rural Affairs and Islands Committee has recently agreed to embark on an inquiry into the implementation of the recommendations by the Rural Economy and Connectivity (REC) Committee in its report on [salmon farming in Scotland](#). This will be a focussed inquiry, aimed primarily at establishing what progress has been made by the Scottish Government and its agencies in responding to that Committee's recommendations.

To inform the Committee's deliberations, it agreed to write to the Atlantic Salmon Trust to request written views to inform its scrutiny. The Committee would welcome a response with your views on progress in addressing regulatory deficiencies identified in the REC Committee's report.

The Committee would appreciate a response to these points by 29 May.

Yours sincerely,

Finlay Carson MSP
Convener
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