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Dear Finlay,

### **[PE1951: Reinstate inshore coastal limit on the use of dredge and trawl fishing gears](#)**

As Convener to the Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee, I am writing to let you know that we considered the above petition at our meeting of 26 October 2022.

At that meeting, the Committee agreed to refer the petition to the Rural Affairs, Islands and Natural Environment Committee under Rule 15.6.2 of Standing Orders.

I am conscious of your Committee's busy work programme and wanted to alert you to this, prior to a formal referral notice being sent by the Clerks.

As part of our consideration of this petition, we have examined both written evidence from the petitioner, interested organisations and members of the public. We concluded that this petition could most usefully be considered in the context of any current work the Rural Affairs, Islands and Natural Environment Committee is undertaking around inshore fisheries.

The next step will be for the Clerks to send Rural Affairs, Islands and Natural Environment Clerks a formal referral notice. This will happen as soon as possible, and will provide contact details for the petitioner and details of our consideration of this petition. It is then entirely up to you how you wish to progress each petition, including whether you wish to hear further evidence or close the petition.

Should you, or any of your team, have any queries on the above then please contact [petitions.committee@parliament.scot](mailto:petitions.committee@parliament.scot).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Carlaw', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**Jackson Carlaw MSP**  
Convener