

**PE1782/C**

Marine Scotland submission of 1 December 2020

Thank you for your letter of 3 November requesting further information regarding the on-going engagement between the Scottish Government and stakeholders on the issue of stocking of salmon rivers (PE1782).

At its consideration of petition 1782 on 29 October the Public Petitions Committee noted our intention to work with stakeholders to develop a revised consultation on salmon stocking in Scotland's rivers and asked for a summary of the outcomes of the meeting with the petitioner, along with information on how the meeting has assisted towards achieving the aims of his petition.

Please be aware that meetings with the Scottish Gamekeepers Fishing Group (SGFG) and other stakeholders have not yet happened. However, stakeholders will be invited to attend one of two meetings on Monday 14 December.

It is our intention to take a staged approach to the review with the meetings on 14 December being an opportunity for us to share Marine Scotland Science's scientific evidence and risk management in considering stocking, alongside the existing Scottish Government salmon stocking policy. Stakeholder views will be sought and used to inform the review and, on the basis of the feedback received in the consultation meetings, we will conduct a written consultation next year.

I hope this helps.