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Review of the Protection of Wild Mammals (Scotland) Act 2002

I would be grateful if the following submission could be taken into consideration during the review of the above Act. I write as a mounted follower of the Buccleuch Foxhounds for the past 25 years.

I believe the need for fox control in rural areas is generally agreed upon by the various bodies concerned. I also understand that flushing foxes from cover towards a line of waiting guns is considered an effective and humane method of control.

Although as a mounted follower I have very little to do with the fox control side of the proceedings other than occasionally being asked to spread out and help turn a possible fox towards the guns. However it is clear to me that a full pack of hounds is required for this purpose in order to cover the ground. The countryside of the Scottish Borders is rural and remote and much of it is inaccessible on foot. Working with a smaller number of hounds would make the task impossible.

For me, personally, the fun of hunting is about being out in the countryside on my horse and having the chance to enjoy the company of a group of like minded people from all walks of life and ages from over 80 to 6 years. It is also a chance to ride over parts of our wonderful Borders countryside that would be inaccessible if the farmers didn't want fox control.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

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