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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your letter of 13 September on Scottish wild wrasse fishery data.

The Scottish Salmon farming sector is committed to the sustainable sourcing of cleaner fish stocks. Caught wrasse are an important element of the sector's approach to managing sea lice on salmon farms. The voluntary measures that took effect in 2018 aim to ensure the long-term sustainability of wild wrasse populations and build on the good working relationship between commercial fishermen, fish farmers and Marine Scotland.

It is our aim to publish the first year's data which we are currently collating. We will look to publish it later this year on our website once our work is complete.

The Scottish Salmon farming sector shares your view that openness helps build understanding and trust and I hope that the SSPO and SIFT might develop a constructive working relationship through mutual information sharing and improved transparency. In recognition of this, we would ask for further information on SIFT's work in Arran on wild wrasse and would be happy to create an opportunity for SIFT to present the findings and outcomes of the work to the SSPO.

I am copying this letter to [REDACTED] at the Scottish Government who is in receipt of SSPO's voluntary measures data.

I will be back in touch in due course when the data is ready for publication and would welcome a meeting with you to discuss all of this, and other issues of mutual interest at that time. I will ask my Executive Assistant [REDACTED] to get in touch to arrange a mutually convenient date in due course.

With kind regards,



Julie Hesketh-Laird  
Chief Executive