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Dear William,

Thank you for your e-mail of 15 February including details about a petition against scallop dredging proposals in Cardigan Bay from Harry Hayfield.

The proposals on which we consulted last year were about seeing whether it was possible to establish a viable and sustainable scallop fishery and the introduction of a flexible management plan which could allow scallop fishing whilst safeguarding the important marine species and habitats in the location of Cardigan Bay. The Welsh Government has to maintain its statutory obligations under the Habitat Directive to safeguard the important species and habitats in the Special Area of Conservation.

I consider that the negative media representations published have misrepresented our proposals for scallop fishing. This did not properly reflect the true nature of the proposals to consider the flexible management of this fishery for future generations.

I hope this helps to explain the situation which Mr Hayfield is concerned about.

Yours sincerely,



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