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Dear David

Thank you for your letter of 19 December, regarding Petition P-05-778 Protect the Razor Clams on Llanfairfechan Beach.

Following a review of the ecology and biology of razor clams in Wales which was received in March this year my officers conducted an intertidal survey at Llanfairfechan over the summer. The survey found three razor clam species present each of which has different ecological, stock assessment and management requirements. As a result, more work than originally anticipated will be required to conduct accurate stock assessments and develop suitable fishery management techniques.

To ensure that the razor clams remain protected until completion of the work, my officials have taken the decision to extend the closure of the recreational razor clam fishery at Llanfairfechan and Penmaenmawr for a further 12 months until midnight 31 December 2019.

Regards
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