
Good morning, [REDACTED]

We have some updates since our last meeting we would like to share with you. Following the advice from NRW on an alternative approach to licensing in Wales and considering the challenges that were highlighted, the DFM has opted for a call for evidence with the aim of gathering recent data, research, and practical experience relevant to gamebird management, release, and impacts. This will be announced via a Written Statement in the week commencing 16th March – once we have a confirmed date we can let you know and share an embargoed copy of the statement.

Environment Platform Wales (EPW), working across Wales's universities, will lead this evidence gathering process. They've initiated the process, contacting their research networks, who have begun providing background summaries of relevant studies, which EPW will collate as part of the evidence package. EPW advise that they will shortly begin a formal call for evidence, potentially supplemented by a Policy Insights workshop on 25 March to outline their work to wider stakeholders. EPW expect to collate all responses during April. Following this, WG will use this evidence along with the NRW evidence report to inform a policy position and advice for an incoming government. We would like to work closely with you on this, with a regular meeting to progress together what this will look like in Wales

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Would it be useful to pencil in a meeting to discuss?

Your views would be appreciated.

Regards

