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Dear Paul,

The Welsh Government has been working with all fisheries policy authorities across the UK to develop a draft Joint Fisheries Statement (JFS).

In this regard, I refer to my previous letter of 6 January advising of a delay in laying the consultation draft JFS before the Senedd. I can now advise we expect the laying date to be 17 January 2022 across the UK. As such, the scrutiny period will be 18 January – 25 February. On the same basis, the launch of the public consultation date will also be 18 January.

I look forward to discussing the JFS with you on 3 February.

Regards,

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