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Welsh Parliament
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Dear Mike,

The Sea Fisheries (Amendment) Regulations 2026

I refer to my letter to you of 22 January 2026. I wish to inform the Committee I have given my consent to the Secretary of State to make the Sea Fisheries (Amendment) Regulations 2026 (“the Regulations”). I have laid a Written Statement which can be found [here](#).

The Regulations intersect with devolved policy and apply to Wales (they also apply to England, Scotland and Northern Ireland). The Regulations are subject to the negative procedure and were laid before Parliament on 6 February 2026 with a commencement date of 27 February 2026.

Although the Welsh Government’s general principle is that statutory instruments relating to devolved matters should be made by the Welsh Ministers, on this occasion it was considered appropriate for the Regulations to be made by the Secretary of State for the reasons outlined in my letter of 22 January.

Yours sincerely,

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