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Dear Redacted

Following up from our exchange by text, happy to discuss if you want to give me a call at any time.

I think you are right that we don't entirely understand the concern, and a conversation might be the best way to clarify.

Best wishes

Redacted

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Dear Nicole,

Thank you for this morning's email. I'm afraid its contents do not answer the points I asked you to consider on Friday, namely

the fact that SEPA briefed the BBC last week regarding the consultation including the SEPA phrase, *"introduction of protection zones across a wide area."*

For the avoidance of doubt, the following is Friday's email to you. I look forward to your response and remain extremely disappointed by SEPAs approach to our sector.

Regards
Tavish

Dear Nicole,

We have been approached by BBC Scotland to ask for access to a sea farm and a spokesperson to respond to the "publication of SEPAs SLRF". Your agency has I'm told, briefed the BBC on a launch on Wednesday next week of the policy including the phrase-

"introduction of protection zones across a wide area."

I would like to know what is going on and why? As you and your officers know we are meeting cabinet secretaries on Tuesday. So I can only assume this is a coordinated approach to our sector with BBC press briefings and a public launch.

I am profoundly disappointed in SEPAs approach, and we will consider our next steps very carefully indeed.

I would be very grateful for your reply before we meet Ministers as SEPA can be assure that we will be raising this on Tuesday.

Regards
Tavish Scott

From: Paterson, Nicole <Nicole.Paterson@sepa.org.uk> 83.0
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Good Morning Redacted

Thank you for your email on Friday afternoon regarding SEPA's forthcoming second consultation on a proposed regulatory framework for managing interactions between sea lice from fish farms and wild salmonids.

The second consultation, which we advised all stakeholders would be published in late May, follows an initial 2021 consultation and ongoing engagement with a range of stakeholders, including Salmon Scotland and your members. The consultation details how our proposed risk-based regulatory approach would operate in practice to protect young salmon as they leave our rivers at the start of their journey to the north Atlantic. 'a0'a0

We're keen to hear directly from all those who share an interest in the framework and the future of wild Atlantic salmon, which is an important objective of the consultation. I understand that the work of Scottish salmon farmers will feature as part of the BBC package regarding the launch.

A key component following the launch will be a series of consultation events to which you and your members will be invited. I look forward to further positive dialogue with you and your members.

My colleague **Redacted** is available on Monday afternoon should you wish to discuss this further.

Thank you again **Redacted**

Nicole

Nicole Paterson

Chief Executive

Scottish Environment Protection Agency

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