

PE1558/P

Petitioner Email of 25 January 2016

Dear Sigrid

The Committee has looked at the reply to Abigail Stancliffe Vaughan report with dismay.

It would seem that the two agencies involved in this do not share information with their information agents on the subjects under review as this is an exact duplicate sent to this Committee.

When it all started more than twenty years ago When Mr John Stot was the Secretary for New Galloway Fishing Club.

Since then there has been a number of scientific reports into ways of controlling crayfish 5 of which were given to SNH and SEPA personally. Showing the advantages of large scale trapping in the reduction of the number of crayfish greatly reducing damage incurred to the marine environment and flood defences, so why are they still denying the reports contradicting there non-scientific stance.

As the Committee may well be aware of the flood defences failing hear in the Ken Dee catchment this can firmly be placed as being caused by the crayfish problem as SEPA publicity videos clearly show the extreme undermining of the defences cared out by this invader.

With the new laws coming in on the first of April on the catch and release policy on salmon and sea trout to try and rejuvenate the stocks the Committee and the residents hotels and businesses in the Ken Dee catchment see no point in this police as long as the crayfish problem is not being dealt with as the previously mentioned agencies were informed this was going to happen unless a containment and reduction programme was introduced as stated in the Galloway fisheries trust report That a longer term mass trapping should be started as soon as possible.

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Addendum of 5 February 2016

Dear Chris

Thanks for sending the link to SPICe report. Having now sent to the rest of the RNBCC Ken Dee Catchment committee the consensus is after looking at the report, it would appear SPICe need to review their procedure into understanding the evidence in reports from conjecture and opinion and review all the evidence not just from one side of the debate which appears to have occurred in this instance, as they have managed to even get the point of the change that was asked for wrong, a big difference between commercial profit and non-profit all the reports that have been quoted from refer to commercial gain assumptions and conjecture with no evidence to back them up. The evidence for large scale continues trapping programs show a greatly reduced number of crayfish and the improvements to the marine environment for non-profit removing the incentive to spread for commercial gain. The tipping point having now been reached that over 37% of Scotland is showing crayfish populated areas. If the government disallows a large control meant of this Species all of Scotland will have crayfish totally destroying the Salmon and sea Trout fishing and Marine Environment as happened within the Ken Dee Catchment.

Live Crayfish are imported into Scotland for the food trade. This cannot be restricted, E.U court of justices ruling treaty of Rome free trade between member states.

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