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Dear Mr Watson,

We are writing concerning the proposal by Loch Long Salmon proposal to bring semi-closed salmon farming to Scotland and strongly encourage Loch Lomond & Trossachs National Park to grant approval for the company's proposal at Loch Long (2021/0356/DET).

This development would represent the first use of semi-closed containment technology in Scotland, and would be a significant step forward in not only transforming the aquaculture sector but in helping to protect jobs in rural and coastal communities. We believe this project aligns with the core aims of the National Park and the National Park Partnership Plan which expects that the Park will address national priorities and achieve benefits for Scotland.

Our constituents consistently highlight the importance of local jobs and economic sustainability in rural areas. We therefore urge the National Park to consider the significance of Loch Long Salmon's proposed initial £35m investment in the site, along with the ongoing contribution to the Scottish and local economies, the £100,000 annual contribution to the local community and the creation of 12 jobs at the site.

Our constituents also want to see growth that is environmentally sustainable with consideration for the natural environment. With no sea lice on the fish and no need to use any devices to deter seals, as well as the collection and recycling of waste, the environmental and welfare benefits to semi-closed technology are transformative.



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We are aware that SEPA has conducted a thorough assessment of Loch Long Salmon's proposals and granted a CAR licence, saying the application has "the potential to play a significant role in enhanced sustainability", and that Scottish Government officials have described Long Loch Salmon's application as "significant".

We hope the National Park will take all aspects of Loch Long Salmon's application into consideration, particularly the environmental and economic benefits to the local community, and support the project to drive change for the better in Scotland's aquaculture sector.

Yours sincerely,



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