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Sent: 12 October 2022 11:19
To: Alison Williamson [REDACTED]
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Subject: Re: Letter follow-up: add to National Park planning portal

Alison

I would be grateful if my letter could go on the planning portal and be considered in your planning process.

Copy attached

Kind regards

Gordon Blair
Councillor
Cowal Ward

Dear Sir or Madam

I am writing in support of Loch Long Salmon's plan to bring transformative semi-closed containment aquaculture technology to Scotland for the first time at Beinn Reithe.

The presentation of plans by the company at the local community council meeting detailed the comprehensive proposals. As local Councillor for Cowal I was very interested in listening to the plan having been involved for ten years on Argyll and Bute Council planning committee which regularly considered conventional open-net salmon farm activities throughout Argyll's beautiful coastline.

This semi-closed salmon farming system, from my understanding of the presentation made, will use a proven system which is designed to address environmental and welfare concerns. I am very aware of the concerns expressed by people in my ward but also taking cognisance of the assessment made by other community groups I am, balance, minded to support this application.

The fact that the location is within the National Park highlights to me that this operation will be under full scrutiny by the regulatory authorities from day one and indeed that is reassuring. I am content that the company will conduct its successful operation within the parameters allowed by the regulatory and protection agencies and indeed will strive to make this a real success over the years with hopefully its example of best practice shared throughout the industry.

Being at the forefront of this industry here in Argyll with the strict controls which will be stipulated by the planning process I think is a good opportunity for the area.

Yours sincerely

Gordon Blair

Councillor

Cowal Ward