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Gordon Watson
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Dear Gordon,

Re: Planning Application 2021/0357/DET at Beinn Reithe Loch Long

I am writing to convey my support for Loch Long Salmon's application above to install semi-closed salmon farming technology at Beinn Reithe.

As you would be aware, proven technologies such as semi-closed containment offer an opportunity to vastly improve the sustainability and production output of aquaculture, which is a substantial and longstanding pillar of the Scottish Economy.

Aquaculture is very significant for Scotland's exports and its rural communities, but the sector faces challenges and is under pressure to evolve and grow at the same time as improving its welfare and environmental track record. Proven semi-closed containment technology addresses these challenges and substantially increases production, and will therefore help to transform the sector.

The project is in line with Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park's core aims and would also help achieve positive impact on a national scale. I hope National Park will take this opportunity to point the way to sustainable economic development, which could not only aid the region but also position the National Park and as leaders in changing the wider aquaculture industry in Scotland for the better.

Yours sincerely,



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