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Dear Cefin,

Please find below the answer to your Written Question.

**Cefin Campbell (Mid and West Wales):** WQ88937 (e) Tabled on 06/09/2023 What assessment has the Welsh Government undertaken of sea trout populations in Mid and West Wales rivers over the past decade?

**Lesley Griffiths:** *Natural Resources Wales are responsible for the management of freshwater and migratory fisheries in Wales, NRW undertake annual assessments of sea trout stocks in Wales. These assessments are circulated to members of the Wales Fisheries Forum and Local Fisheries Groups and are available on request.*

Recent assessments have shown worrying decline in sea trout populations across Wales, with all but two of our 33 main sea trout rivers either 'at risk' or 'probably at risk'.

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Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

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Along with salmon, sea trout face a range of threats both within river systems, and out at sea such as pollution, including from agricultural sources, fisheries mortality, predation and, of course, the climate emergency.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lesley Griffiths". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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