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Dear Samuel

During my Oral Question (OQ) session in the Senedd on 27 April, you raised concerns about a cancelled Fisheries stakeholder meeting in March. I am writing to clarify the position.

The meeting in question was a Welsh specific engagement session to raise awareness of the Joint Fisheries Statement (JFS) consultation. My officials arranged this session in addition to the pan-UK sessions that had already taken place, to which all Community of Interest members (included Welsh Stakeholders) had been invited.

Unfortunately, the meeting had to be cancelled the day before it was due to take place, due to a Covid related illness for the lead official. Stakeholders were informed, at the time, of the reason for the cancellation. This was unfortunate; however, given this was a meeting over and above the planned JFS stakeholder meetings, there are no significant consequence in terms of the JFS consultation.

We are committed to working with our stakeholders and to engaging with them in several different ways. In addition, as mentioned during the OQ session, the replacement for the Welsh Marine Fisheries Advisory Group will be in place before the end of the Senedd term.

A copy of this letter will be placed in the Library.

Regards

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