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Dear Mr White

Thank you for your letter of 26 March outlining what has been achieved on the river Conwy to enhance salmon stocks to date. I expect Natural Resources Wales (NRW) to explore all possible solutions to address falling fish stocks in the rivers of Wales.

I note your request for a deferment of the implementation of NRW proposed fisheries byelaws until 2019. I can only consider the proposals which have been presented to me by NRW on 20 February. Therefore, it would be a matter for NRW to review their application and write to me further, should it wish to notify me of any request for a deferment in my decision. Given the uncertainty amongst stakeholders, as the commencement of the salmon and sea trout angling fishing season approaches, this is something I would consider seriously.

In the meantime, please be assured no decision will be made on the proposed byelaws until all the issues raised have been considered as outlined under the provisions contained within the Water Resources Act 1991.

Regards

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