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Dear Ms Featherbe

Access to information – Request No RFI 4370

Thank you for your request for the information detailed below which we received on 13 September 2018. Your request has been considered under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

You requested the following information, and our response is provided below:

Please provide for 2018, for all cull zones in England the numbers of:

- 1. Shooters licensed for cage trapping in each cull zone Shooters licensed for free shooting in each cull zone Shooters licensed for both cage and free shooting in each cull zone**

Area	Number of authorised persons licensed to dispatch cage trapped badgers	Number of authorised persons licensed to undertake controlled shooting	No of authorised persons licensed to dispatch cage trapped badgers and undertake controlled shooting
Area 1- Gloucestershire	66	47	37
Area 2- Somerset	63	35	33
Area 3- Dorset	87	52	33
Area 4- Cornwall	176	40	31
Area 5- Cornwall	100	41	32
Area 6- Devon	279	109	85
Area 7- Devon	152	45	18
Area 8- Dorset	118	85	36
Area 9- Gloucestershire	136	85	63
Area 10- Herefordshire	83	58	36
Area 11- Cheshire	104	74	39
Area 12- Devon	337	93	60
Area 13- Devon	190	67	41
Area 14- Devon	115	54	43
Area 15- Devon	116	39	20

Area 16- Dorset	294	235	146
Area 17- Somerset	105	43	28
Area 18- Somerset	82	36	21
Area 19- Wiltshire	149	146	72
Area 20- Wiltshire	146	100	70
Area 21- Wiltshire	94	72	46
Area 22- Cornwall	396	175	94
Area 23- Devon	177	90	33
Area 24- Devon	201	97	61
Area 25- Devon	158	66	44
Area 26 Devon	130	50	12
Area 27- Devon	61	33	15
Area 28- Devon	105	26	9
Area 29- Gloucestershire	102	70	45
Area 30- Somerset	100	104	42
Area 31- Staffordshire	328	183	88
Area 32- Cumbria	49	41	15

2. Also please confirm if any more licences are due to be issued and in which zones.

Natural England is unable to confirm if more licences are due to be issued.

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Yours sincerely

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