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Ein cyf/Our ref: ATI000846

Eich cyf/Your ref:

17 July 2012

Dear Mr Harrold,

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

I am writing in respect of your recent enquiry for information (ATI000846) under the provisions of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

You requested CCW to provide you with base line data and the subsequent data showing the clear decline in species types and numbers on which you can substantiate the claims that declines have actually taken place.

There are a number of reports that highlight the decline of certain species over time in UK waters and the Irish Sea. We have provided some of these reports

1. CCW Contract Science Report No 989: Management measures for self-propagated future recovery of crawfish, *Palinurus elephas*, in Welsh waters
2. CEFAS Report: A feasibility study of native oyster (*Ostrea edulis*) stock regeneration in the United Kingdom
3. Ospar Commission report: Background Document for Common skate *Dipturus batis*

There are also numerous reports and articles freely available on the internet that will provide data on the decline of species in the Irish Sea. There is also a relevant report written for WWF Cymru in 2009 entitled "A selective review of historical information about the marine environment around Wales" by S. Gubbay.

We are not aware of any comparable increases due to increased sea temperatures of species that would fulfil exactly the same role in the ecosystem as the species listed above.

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We now consider that we have complied with your request. However, if you are dissatisfied with our response you are entitled to pursue this matter through our appeals and complaints procedure, a copy of which is attached

Yours sincerely



Donna Muirhead
Access to Information Officer

2. Appeals and Complaints procedure

Appeals

If you are not happy with our refusal to release information and wish to appeal, you should write to Adrian Williams, Director of Planning & Resources, (Countryside Council for Wales, Maes y Ffynnon, Penrhosgarnedd, Bangor, Gwynedd LL57 2DW) who will consider your appeal (unless he was involved in the original decision to refuse information, in which case another director will consider the appeal). Explain your appeal and mention any letters you have already sent us.

If you are still not satisfied you have a right of appeal to:

[Information Commissioner's Office](#) , Wycliffe House, Water Lane

Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Telephone: 01625545700 or e-mail: mail@ico.gsi.gov.uk

Complaints Procedure

If you wish to make a complaint about the way your request was handled by CCW, use our formal [Complaints Procedure](#) Write to Adrian Williams, Director of Planning & Resources, (Countryside Council for Wales, Maes y Ffynnon, Penrhosgarnedd, Bangor, Gwynedd LL57 2DW). He will investigate your complaint thoroughly and reply within two weeks of receiving your letter.

If you are still not happy, write to Roger Thomas, Chief Executive (Countryside Council for Wales, Maes y Ffynnon, Penrhosgarnedd, Bangor, Gwynedd LL57 2DW). Explain your complaint and mention any letters you have already sent us.

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