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Mr Philip Stubington

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Our Ref: SIR150362/A2632127

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Dear Mr Stubington

Information Request – Strathbraan Raven Licence

Thank you for your information request, which we received on 26 April. We are considering your request under the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (EIRs). We are currently working on your request, but need some additional time to complete our response.

Your Request

- “1) What conservation organisations or raptor groups have been consulted and/or are involved in the collaborative trail?
- 2) What is the evidence base for your organisation to publicly state "We are satisfied this licence will not affect the population of ravens overall"?
- 3) What independent organisations will be involved in the assessment of efficacy of the cull?
- 4) How and when the success or failure of the cull will be assessed?
- 5) Will the data be published and peer assessed?
- 6) What are the obligations placed on the counter-parties are to justify the statement "The licence places significant responsibility and expectations on all those involved – to be able to show that this approach can work and will help deliver what are essentially shared objectives."
- 7) How you will monitor the counter-parties' compliance?
- 8) What penalties are available in the event that the counter-parties fail to meet their obligations?"

Our Current Position

We have completed our initial information searches, and we need to look through a large volume of information in order to respond to your request. We must carefully review this information for relevance and for any sensitive information (for example, personal data or environmentally sensitive data). Some sensitive information might need to be marked out (redacted) before we can send information to you.

Regulation 7 of the EIRs allows public authorities to extend the time for compliance with requests for up to an additional 20 working days. This means we must respond to your information request by 25 June at the latest.

How We Are Handling Your Request

You have asked us for environmental information as described by the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004 ('the EIRs') so we are dealing with your request under those regulations. To be able to use the EIRs we have to apply an exemption under section 39(2) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 ('FOISA'). The Scottish Information Commissioner's guidance recommends that public authorities apply this exemption to environmental information.

If you would like to find out more about the access to information legislation there is a guidance booklet available on the Scottish Information Commissioner's website, <http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/nmsruntime/saveasdialog.aspx?IID=5487&SID=5024>.

Review and Appeal

We will issue a response to you as soon as we can within the next 20 working days. However, if you are dissatisfied with us taking additional time you have the right to ask us to review our decision to extend the time period. Please write to us within 40 working days at Battleby, Redgorton, Perth, PH1 3EW or email us at foi@snh.gov.uk, explaining your concerns. We will carry out a review and provide an outcome within 20 working days.

If you are not satisfied following this, you can make an appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner. The Scottish Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Scottish Information Commissioner
Kinburn Castle
Doubledykes Road
St Andrews
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Telephone: 01334 464610

Online appeals: <http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal>

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Yours sincerely

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