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Dear Sir,

### **Inshore Fisheries Pilot – Inner sound of Skye**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on your consultation paper on the Inshore Fishery Pilot proposed for the Inner Sound of Skye.

While we do not have specific comments on the questions raised in the consultation document we would wish to highlight the important role wastewater assets play in managing treating and safely returning treated water to the environment. Wastewater discharge outfalls exist around all parts of the Scottish coast, and this can make the immediate area of our discharges incompatible with certain other uses.

Within the proposed Inshore Fisheries Pilot area Scottish Water operates a number of wastewater outfalls, and vessel operators should be mindful of this when fishing by hand, creel or trawling i.e. using mobile or static gear; and take all necessary precautions to ensure that their operation is not impeded nor our assets damaged. Currently we do not have any operational assets within the Trawl Fishing Control Area.

Through the Marine Planning process we have asked that our outfalls and water/ wastewater pipelines be given similar consideration to e.g. telecommunication cables. Physical infrastructure has the potential to temporarily displace fishing activity during periods of development, management and replacement. There is also potential for damage to occur to both infrastructure and fishing equipment if activities are progressed without confirming the location of infrastructure.

Accordingly we would like to be kept informed of any other consultations of this nature so that we are informed, can consider the risk to our assets and provide any appropriate guidance. We would welcome contact with any concerned operators at a local level so that we can consider and respond to enquiries on a case by case basis.

Yours faithfully

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