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Dear Sir / Madam

Scottish Government Consultation – Seal Haul out Areas

After internal consultation, I can advise you that some of the areas are in military training sites and much of the remaining areas form part of the UK low flying system. To date seal populations and military training have successfully co-existed.

One potential area of concern was identified. There is no clear definition to what is defined as "harassment" in the consultation. We reserve the right to review this, once there is a defined legal definition.

Aside from the concerns noted above, the MOD has no objections to proposed seal haul out areas consultation.

Should you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Faithfully

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