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Dear 

**Environmental Information Regulations 2004**

I refer to your request for information received by the Department on 1 May 2024 that sought the following information:

- ***The total number of trout culled in NI between November 1 2023 and April 30 2024***
- ***The total number of elver obtained from waters in the Rivers Severn and Loire between January 1 2023 and April 30 2024***
- ***Correspondence relating to the cessation of trout stocking at Movanager Fish Farm***
- ***The list of providers from whom the Dept obtain stock for the Public Angling Estate (PAE)***

I can advise that the Department has completed its search and can confirm that it holds all of the information you requested.

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However, the Department has decided not to disclose some of the requested information as it falls under Regulation 12(4)(e) - the exception for internal communications, which pertains to correspondence relating to the DAERA Minister and the DAERA Permanent Secretary. In these instances, the Department is legislatively required to consider the public interest in disclosure. An associated Public Interest Test has been conducted and is attached for your information at **Annex A**.

The information held which can be disclosed can be found below.

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| <p>The total number of trout culled in NI between November 1, 2023, and April 30 2024</p>   | <p>The Department cannot confirm the total number of trout culled in Northern Ireland between 1, 2023, and April 30, 2024. However, in relation to the Department's Movanager Fish Farm, a cull of 28,250 fish was carried out between November 6th and 10th, 2023.</p>  |
| <p>The total number of elver obtained from waters in the Rivers Severn and Loire between January 1, 2023, and April 30, 2024</p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Zero from River Severn</li> <li>• 400kg from Loire Estuary (11/04/2024)</li> </ul>  |
| <p>Correspondence* relating to the cessation of trout stocking at Movanager Fish Farm.</p> <p>*Correspondence with the DAERA Minister and/or the Permanent Secretary (in the absence of a minister) relating to the cessation of trout stocking at Movanager Fish Farm.</p> | <p>Correspondence between the DAERA Minister and Assembly members regarding the cessation of trout stocking at Movanager Fish Farm can be found at <a href="https://niassembly.gov.uk">Questions Search (niassembly.gov.uk)</a>.</p> <p>We provide a list of relevant AQWs for ease.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AQW 5961/22-27</li> <li>• AQW 6145/22-27</li> <li>• AQW 6144/22-27</li> <li>• AQW 7213/22-27</li> <li>• AQW 10875/22-27</li> <li>• AQW 10992/22-27</li> <li>• AQW 10993/22-27</li> <li>• AQW 11236/22-27</li> <li>• AQW 11688/22-27</li> <li>• AQW 11589/22-27</li> <li>• AQW 11588/22-27</li> </ul> |

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| The list of providers from whom the Dept obtain stock for the Public Angling Estate (PAE) | The Public Angling Estate is stocked solely from the Department's Movanager Fish Farm. |
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If you require any clarification, believe that any part of your request has been overlooked, misunderstood or misinterpreted, please contact me in the first instance to see if it is a matter that can be resolved.

If you are unhappy with the manner in which your request for information has been handled or the decision to release/withhold information, you have the right to request a formal review by the Department. If you wish to do so, please contact The Review Section either by e-mailing [daera.informationmanager@daera-ni.gov.uk](mailto:daera.informationmanager@daera-ni.gov.uk) or by post at The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, Data Protection & Information Management Branch, Floor 2, Jubilee House, 111 Ballykelly Road, Ballykelly, Limavady BT49 9HP, within two months from the date of this letter.

If after such an internal review you are still unhappy with the response, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, CHESHIRE SK9 5AF, who will undertake an independent review of the Department's decision.

Yours sincerely,

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