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**To:** [redacted]  
**Date:** 29 June 2023 14:14:39  
Re: Case Ref: KF15803 (Case Ref: KF15803)

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Dear [redacted]

Thank you for your email to Kate and we appreciate the prompt response given how resources have been deployed over the past few weeks with the Cannich fire.

Best regards

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Subject: RE: Case Ref: KF15803

Dear Ms Forbes,

Case Ref: KF15803

I apologise for the delay in reply to your request for clarification on the draft "Post-release Monitoring Plan for Beavers in Glen Affric" document, which suggests that Forestry & Land Scotland (FLS) will be applying for a species release licence from NatureScot.

The aforementioned draft report, written by Trees for Life (TfL), does correctly report that FLS is highly supportive of the project in principle.

Throughout the process however we have always maintained with TfL that before agreeing to apply for a licence we would obtain agreement from local communities and individuals potentially affected by the proposed releases.

We feel that consensus has not yet been built with the local community, and we are not confident the community is broadly supportive of the current proposal.

At present we are not ready to submit a license application for the release of beavers for Glen Affric for release in 2023.

With Thanks,

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From: Kate Forbes MSP <Kate.Forbes.msp@parliament.scot>  
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Dear [redacted]

I am writing to you following the draft "Post-release Monitoring Plan for Beavers in Glen Affric" document, which suggests that Forestry & Land Scotland (FLS) will be applying to NatureScot for a licence which would allow beavers to be released in Loch Beinn a Mhedahoin. The document, sent on by the charity Trees for Life, suggests FLS is highly supportive.

While this is only a draft, I understand there is a further workshop in Glen Affric this evening to discuss the document and would there be grateful if you would be able to clarify FLS position on this matter.

Thank you for giving this your consideration and welcome your response.

Kind regards,

Kate

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