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Dear Terry,

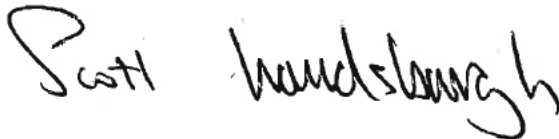
Thank you for your letter of 24th November 2015. I would agree with you that some work has to be done on the relationship and understanding between the industry and SEPA to try to achieve alignment of actions.

I am aware that Heather Jones of SAIC has written to you recently and, specifically, we are both keen to agree with you as to when and under what conditions we can trial innovation. There are some significant outcomes for Scotland should the industry's aspirations on this be met and this should form a major part of the understanding between the industry, SEPA and the Scottish Government.

I think it is timely for us to try to meet in the first quarter of this year to map a way forward that hopefully will deliver on our sustainable growth objectives.

Could I suggest that my colleague, Lesley Jenkins, contacts your assistant to make arrangements for a meeting in late February or early March? We would need to include Heather Jones and other key people from the industry in this meeting and Lesley would be well placed to make the necessary arrangements.

Yours sincerely,



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18 January 2016

Dear Terry,

INNOVATION IN SCOTTISH AQUACULTURE

Thank you for your letter of 24 November 2015.

We very much welcome your personal commitment and willingness to be involved in a meeting to chart a course towards the sustainable growth of the industry. Members of the SSPO have a keen appetite for growth and, working with support from SAIC, bring a willingness to use innovative approaches and technologies to achieve that.

We would welcome an outcome focused workshop with your personal input to decide whether the concept of a 'Demonstration Project' – namely a larger scale fish farm site than has been consented before in Scotland, as proposed by Scottish Sea Farms – can contribute to the industry's growth and deliver economic return and social benefit to Scotland. This would be a timely follow up the meeting held in Orkney on 4 November at which the industry set out their aspiration for a consented large site, and for which the local authority were broadly supportive.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Scott Landsburgh at the SSPO, Jim Gallagher at SSF and Willie Cowan at Marine Scotland.

Yours sincerely



Heather Jones
CEO