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Hi [Redacted]

And another one. I appreciate these reports are perhaps better collated and sent periodically as you suggested, but this report highlights the recurrent theme. Given the proforma nature of these reports, we asked if it may be possible to get more information from these cases. Short answer was no; they have no willingness, intention or, to fair in some cases, capacity, to collect any more detailed information. In some cases we get photos of damaged stock or, as you say, seals in the water, but nothing at a resolution which can assess if these culls are being undertaken in adherence with regulations.

All the best

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Good Afternoon

I would like to report a seal cull (Site Co-ordinates - 57.3854 N 5.6142 W) on 08/05/2020. No photos have been taken during this execution.

1 Common seal was culled using a single shot to the head by a licenced marksman – this has been reported to Marine Scotland and RSPCA.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me.

Best Regards

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