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**Keith Main/Tom Hogg**

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 **(Insert Date) 2017**

**Re – Objection to Conservation of salmon – Assessment for the 2018 fishing season**

Dear Sir,

With regards the above proposals I write to you in the strongest terms to object to the assessment for the River Leven (Dunbartonshire), Loch Lomond and River Endrick SAC.

My main point of objection is the River Leven and Loch Lomond having the actual category they would meet being lowered simply because of the R Endrick SAC which you have estimated should be a Cat 3.

Using catch data from anglers and wetted area estimates for the Endrick SAC which is a spate river and for last three seasons the autumns have been very dry so angling pressure must be low, so how does Marine Scotland calculate “Rod Pressure”? I myself only fish Loch Lomond as I have invested heavily in my boat and the cost of my boat upkeep and mooring is additional to my membership fees to the LLAIA.

I do not fish the R Endrick yet the calculations based on some national estimate for this small spate river now impacts my own activities on Loch Lomond which would be at least a Cat 2 for 2018 if it wasn’t downgraded to a Cat 3 because of the R Endrick SAC. How do you guarantee? I thought science was based on fact beyond reasonable doubt that fish I catch may go up the Endrick to spawn, you can’t guarantee that so use the worst case scenario. I already practice catch and release but you have removed what I consider to be my right to take a single fish if I choose to do so.

Please include this letter as my objection to your plans for the River Leven (Dunbartonshire), Loch Lomond and River Endrick SAC.

Yours Sincerely

(Insert Name!!XXXXXXXX)