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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.

I myself only fish Loch Lomond I do not fish the R leven (I used to when I was younger and had great catches and talking to local anglers the Leven still has some good catches).

The Loch does not fish the same year in year out, and that’s why I think this year in year out assessment is flawed, the last few years have been good but this year Loch been very high so apart from some sport in May when I returned my fish caught I haven’t caught a thing due to high water, yet the Endrick SACV which has been used to downgrade Loch Lomond has low 5yr average because it’s been very dry autumn’s last few years hence nobody went to fish it, this year has been wet so I imagine anglers will have fished it more, that’s fishing for you.

I see very little in fact no conservation work done by anybody other than the LLAIA that run the fishery, I have reported to them rafts of Goosanders and Mergansers and Cormorant’s, yet SNH will not give a licence to the LLAIA to cull these expanding rafts of birds. In April and May the size of rafts of these sawbill birds gather at the Mouth of the Endrick SAC yet this is ok they take thousands of descending salmon smolt yet you are stopping me taking one fish?

I don’t know if you know but seals enter the Loch now, something my Father and Grandfather had never seen in their lives yet I have seen a number of times now including Easter this year that two seals were working the Endrick bank taking valuable spring salmon they must have followed from the salt water.

I don’t see anybody doing anything about the explosion of natural predators of Salmon as in the past these would have been culled but now with all the red tape and conservation nobody can kill anything, yet people wonder why Salmon numbers decrease.

It surely can’t just be the anglers fault, but looks like we are a easy target hence my objection.

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)