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Submitted to **Shaping the future of your water and waste water services**

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Introduction

1 What is your email address?

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2 Are you responding on behalf of an organisation or as an individual?

Organisation

If organisation please tell us which organisation you are responding from:

Fisheries Management Scotland

3 If responding as an individual, please tell us your age category

Not Answered

4 Please tell us the first half of your post code (e.g. IV26)

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EH1 2AS

5 Please tell us how you heard about this consultation(tick all that apply)

Scottish Water website

Where else did you hear about this consultation:

General

1 Do you feel that our Shaping the Future document is presented in a clear and understandable way?

Yes

Please tell us more:

Fisheries Management Scotland is the representative body for the District Salmon Fishery Boards, the River Tweed Commission and the Rivers and Fisheries Trusts in Scotland. We work to promote and ensure the best fisheries management for the protection, preservation, and development of Scotland's wild salmon and freshwater fish, along with their fisheries and the wider environment.

We welcome the opportunity to respond to this consultation. Whilst we have chosen not to address the specific consultation questions below, we would like to establish a working relationship with Scottish Water to engage across a range of issues raised within the consultation document. We would like to propose an early meeting to discuss how to take forward this engagement with the fisheries management sector.

The following points raised in the consultation document are key elements on which we would like to engage with Scottish Water:

Regulatory Framework – Page 6 states: We will continue to work with our customers, regulators and the Scottish Government to shape a robust and appropriate regulatory framework that supports the Scottish Government's objectives for growth and the circular economy, fostering a sustainable water industry. Fisheries Management Scotland would like to see the regulatory system working in a transparent manner. We also wish to understand the needs of Scottish Water and how these relate to the obligations and remits of our members.

Climate Change – Page 6. During the warm, dry summer in 2018 we worked closely with SEPA to ensure that issues relating to fish pressures were closely monitored. This is also an issue we would like to discuss with Scottish Water in order to improve communication and so that our members can understand the restrictions and options available to mitigate such issues.

Natural Capital – Page 8. The protection and enhancement of our river environments, and the fish and fisheries that are dependent on this are a key concern for our sector.

Putting customers and communities at the heart of what we do – Page 10. We are responding to this consultation as the representative organisation for a key 'community of interest'.

Engaging our future customers – Page 11. Many of our members are involved in education projects. For example the Clyde in the Classroom project, run by the Clyde River Foundation has engaged well over 30,000 children, and we are keen to explore synergies between information raising activities undertaken by Scottish Water and the education programmes operated by the Fisheries Trusts.

Managing changes in our source waters – Page 18. Many of our members are involved in wider catchment management projects, including peatland restoration. We would welcome the opportunity to explore synergies between activities undertaken for fisheries and river management purposes and those designed to manage source waters.

Protecting and enhancing the water environment – Page 20. This is a key priority for our sector and an area in which we are keen to develop a better understanding of Scottish Water's priorities, through a far greater level of engagement.

Priority Substances – Page 20. We are aware that a number of chemicals in the freshwater environment have the potential to impact wild fish, particularly in relation to the migration from freshwater to seawater of Atlantic salmon and sea trout. This is an area that we contributed to via the Diffuse Pollution Management Advisory Group.

Delivering Sustainable Services – Page 23. The issues raised around national and social capital, social sustainability and people & partnerships are key issues that we would like to explore further with Scottish Water.

Challenges & Opportunities

1 To what extent do you feel we have identified the main challenges and opportunities for the water industry and for water customers in Scotland over the next 25 years?

Not Answered

Please tell us more:

2 Which challenges and opportunities are most important to you?

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Our Ambitions

1 To what extent do you feel that our long-term ambitions will deliver a service that will meet the needs of future customers, businesses and communities across Scotland?

Not Answered

Please tell us more:

2 Which ambitions are the most important to you? Tick all that apply.

Please tell us more:

Prices

1 To what extent do you feel we are proposing the right balance between investment and customer prices?

Not Answered

Please tell us more:

2 Please tell us about any additional views you have on our proposals for balancing the rate of improvement with keeping prices low.

Please tell us about any additional views you have on our proposals for balancing the rate of improvement with keeping charges low.: