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Mike Hedges AM
Chair
Climate Change, Environment & Rural Affairs Committee

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Dear Mike

**Marine Protected Area Network Management Framework for Wales 2018-2023 and
Action Plan 2018-2019**

Further to my letter of 6 September, 2018 enclosing a copy of the MPA Network Management Framework for Wales 2018-2023 and Action Plan 2018-2019, I have been advised of some minor corrections to both documents.

The Framework has been amended to reflect that there are 139 MPAs in Welsh waters rather than 140 as originally stated. The Framework listed Cors Fochno and Dyfi as a Ramsar site. Previous advice suggested this qualified as a marine site due to the presence of greenshank, which is considered a marine bird. However, NRW has since clarified the only legal features at the site are terrestrial:

- Active raised bogs;
- Degraded raised bogs still capable of natural regeneration;
- Depressions on peat substrates of the Rhynchosporion.

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

I have also been advised by NRW their anticipated timeframe for developing Area Statements is by March 2020, and not April 2019 as previously stated. This will allow sufficient time for Area Statements to reflect and address the priorities and challenges set out in the Natural Resources Policy, and apply the Sustainable Management of Natural Resources principles in their development.

I enclose revised versions of the Framework and Action Plan for circulation to Committee members.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Lesley Griffiths'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping 'L' and a long, flowing 'S' at the end.

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Gweinidog yr Amgylchedd, Ynni a Materion Gwledig
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