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Dr Stephen,


Thank you for your email of 14 December about fish passage regulations and the Water Framework Directive.

May I start by saying how pleased I am to learn of the beneficial effect that the resolution of unlicensed abstractions is having on some of your rivers, particularly the Wye Special Area of Conservation.

In terms of fish passage and the requirements of the Water Framework Directive within England and Wales, I remain committed to delivering fish passage regulations and have therefore advised my officials to continue preparing a draft statutory instrument on easing barriers to migration, with the aim of legislating post EU Exit. I would therefore welcome any information you would wish to offer my officials that you feel would be of assistance.

Thank you again for your letter.

With every good wish,

Ms,


Michael Gove