

Date of engagement	Name of individual(s)	Role of individual(s)	Subject of discussion
5/11/2025	Fergus Ewing MSP	MSP for Inverness and Nairn	Raised the need for regulatory reform to remove barriers to growth and ensure proportionate regulation balancing environmental, social and economic considerations. Highlighted salmon farming's role in sustaining rural communities, supporting thousands of jobs, and delivering over £750 million to Scotland's economy as the UK's largest food export. Emphasised the importance of a competitive business environment, infrastructure investment, and long-term sustainability, encouraging all parties to align policies with sector growth and resilience.
5/11/2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jackie Baillie MSP</li> <li>• Murdo Fraser MSP</li> <li>• Maurice Golden MSP</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MSP for Dumbarton</li> <li>• MSP for Mid Scotland and Fife</li> <li>• MSP for North East Scotland</li> </ul>	General discussion highlighting the salmon farming's role in sustaining rural communities, jobs and supporting Scotland's economy as the UK's largest food export.
6/11/2025	Michael Marra MSP	MSP for North East Scotland	Raised the importance of Scottish salmon and encouraged the member to support strong business conditions to generate investment. Highlighted associated infrastructure and housing requirements to support sector growth and sustain rural communities.

11/11/2025	Kate Forbes MSP	Deputy First Minister of Scotland and Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Gaelic	We highlighted the launch of a new independent economic impact report showing a £1 billion annual contribution to the economy from Scottish salmon. We raised opportunities in overseas markets such as India, and the 2022 Griggs Review recommendations, which set out a clear blueprint for streamlining aquaculture regulation. We emphasised that delivering these reforms would enable sustainable sector growth, improve jobs and investment in rural areas. We proposed to move responsibility for salmon from Rural Affairs to the Economy portfolio in a future Scottish government.
24/11/2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keir Starmer MP</li> <li>• Douglas Alexander MP</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prime Minister</li> <li>• Secretary of State for Scotland</li> </ul>	Attended the No.10 St Andrews Reception as representatives of Scotland and the UK's largest food export and highlighting the £1 billion annual contribution salmon farming makes to Scotland's economy, its support for rural communities, and the 11,000 jobs sustained across the country. Emphasised the immense opportunity of increasing salmon exports to India as a result of the free trade agreement negotiated by the UK Government.
27/11/2025	John Swinney MSP	First Minister of Scotland	Highlighted the BiGGAR Economics report showing salmon's £1 billion annual impact, then raised the need for regulatory reform to remove barriers to growth and ensure proportionate regulation. Emphasised salmon farming's role in sustaining the rural economy, communities, jobs, and the importance of competitiveness, investment, and long-term sustainability.