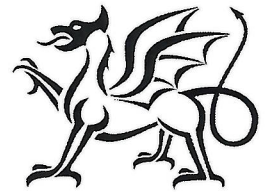


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Dear Llyr

I apologise for the delay in responding to your Written Assembly Question. Please see my response below:

The Brexit and our Seas consultation states that Welsh Government will 'introduce more sustainable management practices...enhance our ecosystem resilience'. Will the Minister confirm a) whether similar commitments were made in the 2008 Fisheries Strategy and 2013 Marine and Fisheries Strategic Action Plan, b) whether these have already been implemented? WAQ78808 (e)

Lesley Griffiths: *Both the 2008 Fisheries Strategy, published during the One Wales Government, and the 2013 Marine and Fisheries Strategic Action Plan (M&FSAP) contained commitments in relation to sustainable fisheries. Much has changed since these documents were published, in particular the outcome of the EU referendum, and the overarching legislative framework within which we operate.*

While good progress was made in completing the actions of M&FSAP there remains a number of challenges facing the sector and our marine environment. As set out in Brexit and Our Seas we remain committed to continuing to introduce more sustainable management practices.

The consultation closed on the 21 August and responses are being considered.

Regards
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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.