

# **PE2109/A: Halt any further pump storage hydro schemes on Scottish lochs holding wild Atlantic salmon**

## **Scottish Government written submission, 27 September 2024**

The Scottish Government does not support a moratorium on any further development of pump storage hydro operations on Scottish lochs holding wild Atlantic salmon.

Scotland has some of the most stringent environmental impact regulations anywhere in the world. Potential impacts on communities, nature and cultural heritage are important considerations in the decision-making process, with all applications being subject to site-specific assessments.

The legal position of the Scottish Government is that processes under planning would examine the relevant environmental impacts and reach a conclusion, on the basis of evidence and facts relating to the particular development.

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