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Dear Finlay,

OPENING OF THE MARINE FUND SCOTLAND 2022/23 FOR APPLICATIONS

I wrote to you on 13 May 2022 to inform you that I would be announcing the launch of the Marine Fund Scotland 2022/23 later that day, and that we aimed to open the scheme to applications during the course of the following week.

The opening of the scheme was unfortunately delayed as we carried out additional work on the scheme guidance, however I am pleased to confirm that the scheme is now open to applications and the refreshed scheme guidance is available on the [Scottish Government website](#).

We have written to those stakeholders who had submitted an expression of interest in the scheme following my announcement on 13 May 2022, informing them that the scheme is now open to applications. We have also promoted the launch of the guidance on social media in order to inform wider stakeholders, and will promote the scheme on an ongoing basis through industry representative bodies and existing stakeholder engagements.

I trust this information is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

MAIRI GOUGEON

