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Dear Finlay,

**Laying of Scotland's Future Catching Policy (FCP) and Remote Electronic Monitoring (REM) public consultations in the Scottish Parliament**

Earlier today I announced the publication of the Scottish Government's public consultations on the FCP and REM policies. I wanted to write to advise the Committee of the timeframe of these consultations, and direct them towards the consultations themselves.

These are important policies for the sea fishing industry and Scotland's marine environment and they form a key part of our Fisheries Management Strategy. They also support the delivery of outcomes under the UK Joint Fisheries Statement which is also currently being consulted on. We will be seeking views on these policies for 12 weeks, beginning 15 March 2022, and closing on 7 June 2022. Feedback from these consultations will be incorporated in to the final versions of the policies and will help inform the development of legislation.

I am happy to share the consultations with you today. These can be found at:  
[Future Catching Policy - Scottish Government - Citizen Space \(consult.gov.scot\)](#)  
[Remote Electronic Monitoring - Scottish Government - Citizen Space \(consult.gov.scot\)](#)

Yours sincerely,

**MAIRI GOUGEON**

