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Climate Change, Environment and Infrastructure Committee
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8 October 2021

Dear Llyr

Petition P-06-1181 Sea bottom trawling is killing our marine wildlife...Stop bulldozing our seas!

The Petitions Committee is currently considered the following petition from Robert Curtis, which we considered recently at our meeting on 20 September:

Text of Petition:

It is shocking that more than 97% of our marine protected areas (MPA), created to safeguard ocean habitats, are being destroyed by being dredged and bottom trawled. Analysis of fishing vessel data found that bottom trawling, the most destructive type of fishing on sea-floor habitats, is happening in 71 out of 73 offshore MPA's around the UK.

We call on the Welsh Government to ban all forms of bottom trawling by both foreign and UK vessels in Welsh waters. We are in an ecological emergency and need action now.

At the meeting members agreed to write to you to ask whether Marine Protected Areas (MPA's) might be an area of consideration for your Committee during this Senedd.

Further information about the petition, including related correspondence, is available on our website at:

<https://business.senedd.wales/ielIssueDetails.aspx?Ild=37889&Opt=3>.

I would be grateful if you could send your response by e-mail to the clerking team at petitions@senedd.wales.

If you have any queries, please contact the Committee clerking team at the e-mail address below, or on 0300 200 6454.



Yours sincerely

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