

TO THE SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT

CALL FOR AN INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION INTO THE IMPACT OF PREDATORY BIRDS ON:

1. WADERS & SONGBIRDS

2. PRIVATE STOCKS OF FISH & GAMEBIRDS

The Scottish Gamekeepers Association (SGA) asserts that the imbalance of ravens and some raptors has an unfavourable impact on waders, songbirds, fish stocks and gamebirds and unnecessarily endangers Rural Sustainability and Sustainable Biodiversity.

The Petitioners believe that Scottish Land Managers have a wealth of knowledge and experience in conservation and land management, which should be fully drawn upon in the formulation of effective methods of promoting biodiversity. At present this knowledge and experience is not recognised, or insufficiently recognised by some of the bodies and agencies upon whose advice the Scottish Executive often appear to rely or value.

We therefore ask:

1. That this petition is passed to the Rural Development Committee for consideration.
2. That the Rural Development Committee calls the SGA to give oral evidence on this matter.
3. That the Rural Development Committee launches an independent investigation as a matter of urgency.

Chairman, SGA.

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