

Guidelines

Here are some guidelines for you to follow to ensure your letter has the greatest chance of influence.

1. Identify your local MP using the online postcode finder. [Linked here.](#)
2. Copy and paste the suggested letter content (on page two) into a word file or the body of an email.
3. Add your personal contact information to the letter as marked in the template.
4. Sign the letter with your name and signature and send it to your local MP.

Don't forget to send us a copy of the email to info@wildfish.org so we can monitor action.

Letter template

Please copy and paste this into your own file or the body of an email.

First name Surname
Address line 1
Address line 2
Address line 3
Post code

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Dear *insert name of MP*

The announcements of the UK Government over recent days threatening a bonfire of important environmental regulations, which we fear will include the Farming Rules for Water and other agri-environment regulations, cannot be allowed to happen.

We are in a biodiversity crisis with freshwater species are declining quicker than any other. We cannot afford to cut environmental protection which our rivers and their vulnerable wild fish populations so critically need.

The government's own data shows the significant impact of agriculture on our rivers:

- 40 % of diffuse pollution is caused by poor agricultural practices.
- 16 % of serious pollution incidents in England are attributed to the farming industry.
- 77% of excess fine sediments in freshwater are derived from agriculture.
- 25 % of total phosphorus in freshwater comes from agriculture

Today, as my constituency MP, I ask you to protect our rivers and their wildlife and demand baseline agri-environment regulations, such as the Farming Rules for Water, are not removed or weakened.

Yours sincerely,

insert signature

First name/ surname

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