



Respondent information form

**Wildlife Management In Scotland**

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Are you responding as an individual or an organisation?

- Individual
- Organisation

Full name or organisation's name

Organisation's Sector

- Animal Welfare
- Land Management, including representative bodies
- Sporting Organisation, including representative bodies
- Conservation, including representative bodies
- Pest Control, including representative bodies
- Public Body including law enforcement
- Other, please specify

Phone number

Address

Email

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The Scottish Government would like your permission to publish your consultation response. Please indicate your publishing preference:

- Publish response with name
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We will share your response internally with other Scottish Government policy teams who may be addressing the issues you discuss. They may wish to contact you again in the future, but we require your permission to do so. Are you content for Scottish Government to contact you again in relation to this consultation exercise?

- Yes
- No

Consultation questions

Section 1 – Licensing of Grouse Shooting

1. Do you agree that the licensing of grouse shooting should be introduced to deter raptor persecution and wildlife crime linked to grouse moor management?

Yes                       No                       Unsure

2. If you answered 'No' to question 1, please state what other option/s you think we should consider (max 150 words).

3. Do you agree that the landowner/occupier/person responsible for or accountable for the management decisions and actions should be responsible for acquiring and maintaining the licence for the taking of grouse on a particular piece of land?

Yes                       No                       Unsure

4. If you answered 'No' to question 3, please state what other option/s you think we should consider (max 150 words).

5. Do you think that the person wishing to shoot grouse on land that they do not own, or occupy, should be required to check that the person who owns the land has a licence which allows for the taking of grouse on that area of land?

Yes

No

Unsure

6. If you answered 'No' to question 5, please state what other option/s you think we should consider (max 150 words).

7. If we introduce a licensing scheme, do you agree that NatureScot should be the licensing authority?

Yes                       No                       Unsure

Other body (please specify)

8. Do you think that a licence should be granted for a maximum period of one year (renewable on an annual basis thereafter)?

Yes                       No                       Unsure

**9. If you answered 'No' to question 8, please state what other option/s you think we should consider (max 150 words).**

**10. Do you think that the civil rather than the criminal burden of proof is an acceptable test for the application of sanctions in relation to grouse moor licences?**

Please note that a civil standard of proof would require NatureScot to base their decision on the 'balance of probabilities' whereas a criminal standard of proof requires satisfaction 'beyond reasonable doubt'.

Yes

No

Unsure

**11. If you answered 'No' to question 10, please state what other option/s you think we should consider (max 150 words).**

**12. Do you agree that record keeping or reporting requirements should be part of the licence conditions?**

Please note that record keeping would involve noting down the activities carried out under the licence (e.g. the number of days on which grouse shooting took place, the number of grouse shot on each day, types of predator control undertaken, etc.) and providing these if/when they are requested. Reporting requirements would involve the active reporting of activities carried out under the licence on a regular basis.

Record keeping  Reporting requirements  Neither  Unsure

**13. If you answered 'neither' to question 12, please outline why you believe this (max 150 words).**

**14. Do you agree that, where a person holds a valid licence, and there is sufficient evidence to show that, on the balance of probabilities a wildlife crime has been committed on their property, NatureScot should have the power to impose the following penalties:?**

- Issue a written warning
- Temporarily suspend a licence
- Permanently revoke a licence

Yes       No       Unsure



**15.If you answered 'no' to question 14, please outline why you believe this (max 150 words).**

**16.Please provide any further comments on the questions in this section here.**

**Section 2 – Muirburn**

**17. Currently a licence is only required to undertake muirburn outwith the muirburn season. Do you agree that a licence should be required to undertake muirburn regardless of the time of year that it is undertaken?**

Yes

No

Unsure

**18. If you answered 'No' to question 17, please outline why you believe this (max 150 words):**

**19. If we introduce a licensing scheme, do you agree that NatureScot should be the licensing authority?**

Yes

No

Unsure

Other body (please specify)

**20. Do you agree that there should be a ban on muirburn on peatland unless it is done under licence as part of a habitat restoration programme approved by NatureScot?**

Yes

No

Unsure

**21. Other than for habitat restoration, public safety (e.g. fire prevention), and research, are there any other purposes for which you think muirburn on peatland should be permitted?**

Yes

No

Unsure

**22. Do you agree that the definition of peat set out in the muirburn code should be amended to 40 cm?**

Yes

No

Unsure

**23. If you answered 'No' to question 22, please outline why you believe this (max 150 words):**

**24. Please provide any further comments on the questions in this section here:**

## Section 3 – Trapping and Snaring

### 3.1 Wildlife Traps

**25. The Scottish Government proposes that a person operating a wildlife management trap must apply for a unique identification number which they must then attach to any traps that they set outdoors, do you agree that this proposal should apply to (select all that apply):**

Live capture traps for birds

Live capture traps for mammals (except rodents)

Traps listed in the Spring Trap Approval Order

Rodent kill traps

Live capture traps for rodents

None of the above

Unsure

Other traps (please specify)

**26. The Scottish Government proposes that a person operating a wildlife management trap outdoors must successfully complete an approved course dealing with the relevant category of trap, do you agree that this proposal should apply to (select all that apply):**

Live capture traps for birds

Live capture traps for mammals (except rodents)

Traps listed in the Spring Trap Approval Order

Rodent kill traps

Live capture rodent traps

None of the above

Unsure

Other traps (please specify)

**27. This question should only be answered if you agree that training should be required for at least one of the traps listed in question 26. The Scottish Government proposes that a person operating a wildlife management trap outdoors must undergo refresher training every 10 years, do you agree that this proposal should apply to: (select all that apply)**

Live capture traps for birds

Live capture traps for mammals (except rodents)

Traps listed in the Spring Trap Approval Order

Rodent kill traps

Live capture rodent traps

None of the above

Unsure

Other traps (please specify)

**28. Do you agree that record keeping and reporting requirements should be part of the registration scheme?**

Please note that record keeping would involve noting down the activities carried out under the licence (e.g. the number and kind of traps used under the licence, the number of each species caught or killed using licenced traps, and the number of days the traps were set for) and providing these if/when they are requested. Reporting requirements would involve the active reporting of activities carried out under the licence on a regular basis.

Record keeping  Reporting requirements  Neither  Unsure

**29. Do you agree that an individual found guilty of the offence of:?**

- using a trap without valid training from an approved body;
- using a trap without being registered to do so;
- using a trap without displaying an identification number correctly on the trap;
- falsifying records or identification number;
- using a trap on land without landowner permission;
- failing to comply with the duty to keep trapping records.

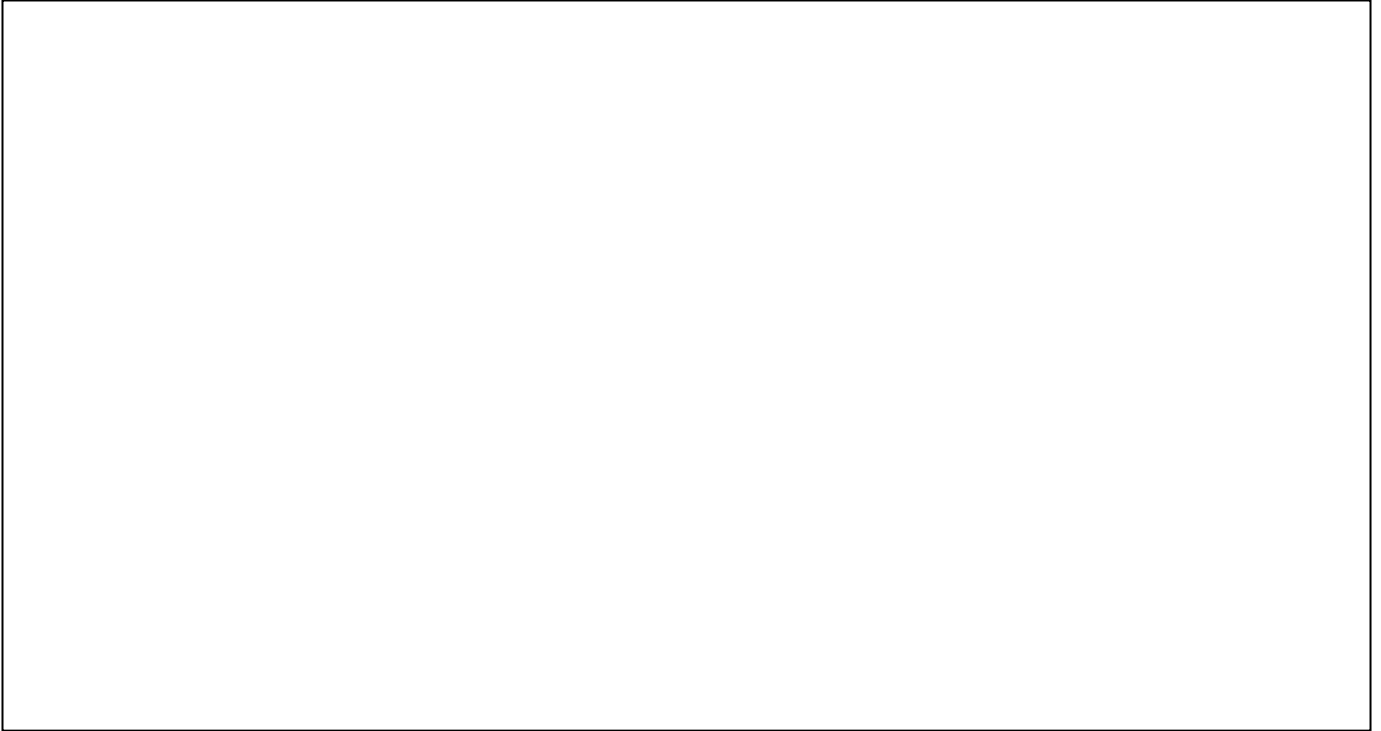
**should be liable, on summary conviction, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months or a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale (or both). A level 5 fine is currently £5,000.**

Yes

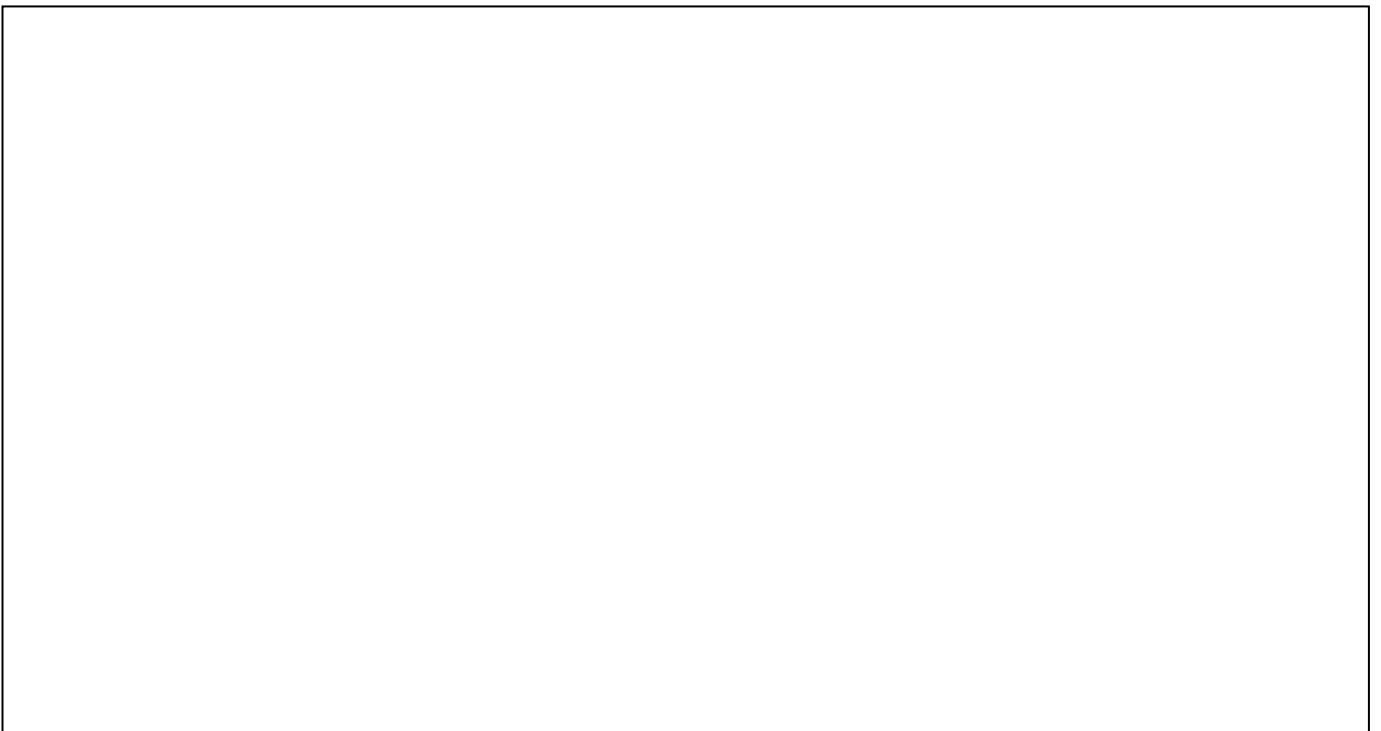
No

Unsure

**30. If you answered no to question 29 please explain the reason for your answer (max 150 words):**



**31. Please provide any further comments on the questions in this section here:**



### 3.2 Glue Traps

**32. Do you agree that the use of glue traps designed to catch rodents should be banned in Scotland?**

Yes

No

Unsure

**33. Do you agree that the sale of glue traps designed to catch rodents should be banned in Scotland?**

Yes

No

Unsure

**34. Do you agree that there should be a two year transition period before the ban on glue traps comes into force?**

Yes

No

Unsure

**35. Please provide any further comments on the questions in this section here.**

### Section 3.3 Snares

**36. Do you agree with the recommendations from the statutory review of snaring that operators should be required to update their records at least once every 48 hours, unless they have a reasonable excuse not to and that these records should be made available to the Police on demand if the police arrive at the location where the records are kept, or within 7 days to the police station?**

Yes

No

Unsure

**37. Do you agree with the recommendations from the statutory review of snaring that a power of disqualification should be introduced for snaring offences?**

A disqualification order can stop you from owning, keeping, selling, transporting or working with animals or running a service which involves being in charge of animals.

Yes

No

Unsure

**38. Please provide any further comments on the questions in this section here.**



## Section 4 – Evaluation

Please help us improve our consultations by answering the questions below. (Responses to the evaluation will not be published).

### 39. How satisfied were you with this consultation?

Very dissatisfied

Slightly dissatisfied

Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied

Slightly satisfied

Very satisfied

Please enter comments here

### 40. How would you rate your satisfaction with using this platform (Citizen Space) to respond to this consultation?

Very dissatisfied

Slightly dissatisfied

Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied

Slightly satisfied

Very satisfied

Not applicable

Please enter comments here



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