

Fisheries Ministers of each England, Wales,  
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Dear Minister,

### **Action to prevent the Atlantic salmon becoming extinct in your waters**

The Institute of Fisheries Management is the professional body representing fishery managers throughout the United Kingdom and Ireland. We promote, for the benefit of biodiversity and society, the understanding and best practice of sustainable fisheries management and aquatic ecosystem protection and conservation.

As Fisheries Minister I expect that you saw the David Attenborough [Wild Isles programme on 2 April](#) which featured the Atlantic salmon. In that, the plight of the salmon was discussed, and the real possibility that this iconic species could soon become extinct in some of our waters.

Attached is our position statement on the Atlantic salmon, and our call for Governments and NASCO to act urgently to prevent the further loss and possible extinction of this 'King of Fish'. It is included, with our media release on our [website](#).

Could you please advise exactly what plans and actions you will put in place to protect this species and the declining economies that it supports in the rivers and coastal waters that you are responsible for?

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'David Bunt', with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

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