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**WRITTEN ASSEMBLY QUESTION
FOR ANSWER BY
THE CABINET SECRETARY FOR ENERGY, PLANNING
AND RURAL AFFAIRS
ON 12 FEBRUARY 2018**

Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy): What consideration will the Cabinet Secretary give, with Natural Resources Wales, to setting up a local management company for a four-year period to oversee an effective management of the Conwy River catchment in North Wales, with a view to reducing the risks posed to numbers of salmon and sea trout stocks? (WAQ75833)

Lesley Griffiths: The River Conwy is an important salmon and sea trout river, supporting a number of local clubs as well as fishing tourism and 3 draft net fisheries. My Department is liaising with Natural Resources Wales (NRW) regarding its proposal for river recovery plans for all the principal salmon and sea trout rivers in Wales. This is in line with NRW's statutory duty to "maintain, improve and develop salmon, trout, freshwater and eel fisheries", as outlined in Section 6 (6) of the Environment Act. I expect proposals to include any measures NRW intend to introduce and how any restoration work will be taken forward in collaboration with stakeholders.
