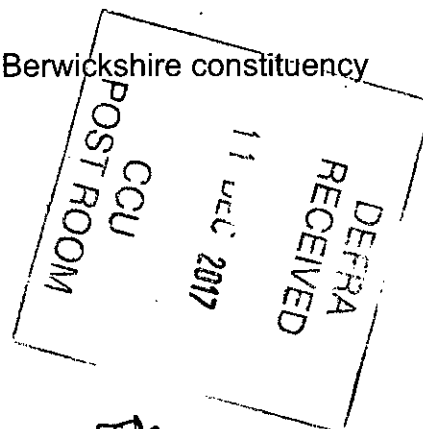




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Dear Minister,

I wish to express my concern with regard to the use of drift nets and its negative effects on salmon numbers in rivers, particularly the River Tweed in my constituency, which I know you enjoyed fishing on recently.

Numbers of salmon are disappointing this year once again. I know you are aware of the many ecological and economic benefits that come with healthier numbers of salmon. That is why I would like you to ban the issuance of any future licenses for this practice until measures are put in place to protect wild salmon in our rivers.

I would be very grateful to hear your thoughts on this proposal.

Best,

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