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Re: Submission on Deer Management Policy Vision - Expression of interest at participating in a Policy Development Partnership

To whom it may concern,

As a professional deer stalker/ manager, I wish to start by welcoming and supporting this initiative which I believe is long overdue. I have been employed on a full-time basis in this profession for over 18 years and it is my full intention and wish to continue with this career for many years to come. Like the small handful of other individuals in Ireland who derive their principle income from the legitimate management of wild deer, I believe that this profession may only be possible in the future if our deer species are managed in a sustainable manner, through a responsible, collaborative, committed and planned approach.

It is my belief that the greatest challenge facing this initiative is in the implementation of the policy itself. The Draft Policy Document is noticeably weak in detailing how this will be achieved and without which, surely this a mere academic exercise.

The key to the successful implementation of this policy will be through collaboration of all stakeholders. In particular relevant statutory bodies must fully accept their roles, responsibilities and obligations in this regard and to undertaking these. A clear implementation plan needs to be outlined, detailing key tasks for achieving objectives, identifying who is responsible for undertaking these tasks, timeframes for completion and how success is to be measured (performance indicators).

I wish to confirm my interest in participating in any future Policy Development Partnership. Currently, professional deer managers/ stalkers in Ireland are not represented by any form of association or body however they are key stakeholders and their interests must be fully considered in the development of any such collaborative policy document. Such professionals hold a considerable level of unique practical knowledge, experience and specialist expertise in this area. This is often overlooked in such and exercise in favor of academic qualifications and would contribute significantly to this process.

I look forward to hearing from you

Kindest regards

Barry Coad