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Submission on Deer Management Policy Vision,
Forest Service,
Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine,
Johnstown Castle Estate,
Wexford.

To Whom It May Concern:

I refer again to my previous submission (dated 25th November 2011) made to the 1st Draft Deer Policy Vision.

As I review the 2nd draft, I am disappointed, as I do not feel that the contribution of professional deer managers or in particular, those deriving their livelihoods from deer hunting or management, and business based on providing deer stalking opportunities for overseas guests, are adequately considered or represented in this document. The considerable economic contribution / benefits made, particularly to rural economies; by businesses based on deer stalking must be clearly acknowledged and supported.

I wish to re-confirm my interest in participating in any future Policy Development Partnership. I feel it is essential to have professional deer interests such as mine represented on such a panel.

I have a number of proposals particularly with regard to quantifying the economic contribution made by this industry, developing the industry, regulation / licensing of operators and that all hunters are tax compliant with the sale of venison. I strongly feel that my knowledge and experience in this area would contribute positively to this initiative. I look forward to your reply,

Sorry for the short reply but this is my busy time of year with clients,

Yours faithfully
John Fenton
