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To: Deer Management Policy Vision,
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Ref: written submission on the [Draft Deer Management Policy Vision \(2nd Draft, September 2012\)](#)

Posted by email to dmpolicyvision@agriculture.gov.ie

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Dear Sir, Madam,

I am writing as part of the stakeholder process requesting that Inter-Agency Deer Policy Group and the Ministers responsible for

1 - the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht

2 – the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine

ensure that Deer Management Policy (Vision) is subject to the assessment required under the Habitats Directive.

The Irish Habitats regulations require screening of 'any plan, programme or scheme, statutory or non-statutory, that establishes public policy in relation to land use'. [SI 477 of 2011, EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES (BIRDS AND NATURAL HABITATS) REGULATIONS 2011] This must ensure that on scientific grounds that individually or in combination with other plans or projects, such a plan, programme or scheme will not have a significant effect on, or adversely affect the integrity of, any site protected under European Law. And a formal Appropriate Assessment process is required under the Habitats Directive.

Deer Management Policy (Vision) will be a plan or programme as defined in Article 2 of Directive 2001/42/EC and Article 6 of the Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC and will require assessment under these Directives

I request that you take steps to comply with the requirements of the SEA, Habitats and Birds Directives and that you let me know of your plans in this regard without delay.

Deer management Policy(Vision) must be agreed upon such terms and subject to such conditions as are agreed upon between the Minister(s) and the owners of sporting rights in Ireland.

Respectfully yours,

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