# A consultation on NRW’s salmon stocking, third party salmon stocking and the future of NRW’s hatcheries

Q1. Do you agree or disagree with the definition of effectiveness used for the review and with the conclusion that there is little evidence available to demonstrate that mitigation and enhancement stocking is effective? If you believe you have evidence, please provide it.

Q2: Do you agree or disagree that there is enough evidence available to influence a substantial change to NRW’s existing salmon stocking activity?

Q3: Do you agree or disagree with our interpretation of the Habitats Directive as it may apply to all our own and third party salmon stocking on rivers designated under this legislation?

Q4. Do you agree or disagree that mitigation and enhancement stocking are not consistent with an Ecosystem Approach?

Q5 .Do you agree or disagree that it would be more cost effective for NRW to improve habitats and thereby secure further reductions in mortality of wild fish as an alternative form of mitigation to stocking?

Q6. Do you agree or disagree with the recommendation that NRW should bring all our own mitigation and enhancement stocking in Wales to an end and work with others to end all salmon stocking in Wales? What would you regard as a practical timetable for achieving this? Should we include sea trout in this recommendation?

Q7. Do you agree or disagree that NRW should focus its efforts and resources on improvements to habitat? What mitigation and enhancement measures would you suggest NRW and partners adopt as an alternative to stocking?

Q8. Do you agree or disagree that NRW should reduce its hatchery capacity and investigate the feasibility of adapting the Cynrig facility to develop a broad-based freshwater and fisheries research facility for Wales, in partnership with other interested bodies? We would particularly welcome suggestions from relevant organisations about potential collaboration opportunities at Cynrig.