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Cabinet Minister for Climate Change
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Sent via email.

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Dear Minister,

Following speculation on social media, I have received a number of concerns relating to a social media post which leads readers to believe that the Welsh Government and NRW intend to ban all field sports in Wales by 2024.

I enclose the social media post text for your benefit:

The Welsh senodd (sic) together with Natural Resources Wales have announced their intentions to ban all field sports in Wales by 2024 .

First of all Natural Resources Wales banned game shooting, the trail hunting on land managed by the Welsh government. Now angling..

Last week the Senodd (sic) announced their intentions to ban all field sports not only on land managed by their quango Natural Resources Wales but all of the principality.

Over the next 12 months the Senodd (sic) is to look at ways to implement a total ban.

When challenged on their announcement , the Senodd (sic) refused to make a comment or enter into talks with field sport organisations.

I have been informed by lawyers that for the Welsh government to impose a national Welsh ban, that permission has to be sort from Westminster.

Field sports are rightly seen as the lifeblood of our rural areas and these comments on social media have caused great concern amongst the many people who participate in legal field sports.

I hope that there is no truth in this and I would be grateful if you could provide some much-needed clarification on this matter, so that our field sport organisations can continue to provide that vital provision to so many of our rural communities.

Kind regards,

Samuel Kurtz MS
Shadow Minister for Rural Affairs & the Welsh Language