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Dear Edward,

I am writing to you today to inform you of the publication of the Scottish Blue Carbon Action Plan. This fulfils the Scottish Government's commitments to publish this action plan contained in the Scottish National Adaptation Plan 2024-29 and the Scottish Biodiversity Strategy Delivery Plan 2024-29. A copy of the Scottish Blue Carbon Action Plan can be found at the following website: <https://www.gov.scot/isbn/9781806430208>

The Scottish Blue Carbon Action Plan sets out our priorities for blue carbon habitats, including saltmarsh, seagrass, seafloor sediments, and kelp and other seaweeds. Working with the Scottish Blue Carbon Forum, we are investing in research to fill essential evidence gaps to ensure that blue carbon habitats are effectively utilised as part of our strategic approach to tackling climate change. The Plan also highlights important policies and ongoing work to ensure blue carbon habitats are given due consideration as part of protecting and restoring Scotland's natural environment.

I would be pleased to discuss the action plan with the Committee.

Yours sincerely,

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