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Mr. Mark Bohan, National Parks & Wildlife Service, 7 Ely Place, Dublin 2.

Re: Review of S.40 of the Wildlife Acts 1976-2012

Dear Mr. Bohan,

I refer to my previous correspondence of 7th January 2015 regarding about matter.

Further comments were communicated to me from Technical Staff in the Environment Section and I would be obliged if consideration would also be given to the following:-

- There is a lack of alignment between the Wildlife Act and the Waste Management (Prohibition of Waste Disposal by Burning) Regulations 2009, as amended, and this makes the regulatory system difficult to implement.
- Local authorities would welcome clarification on how best to regulate the disposal of waste vegetation. In particular, what procedures should be applied to deal with wastes from hedge cutting when the exemption on disposal by burning of agricultural wastes, runs out.
- Clarification is also needed on what methods should be used to safely deal with wastes from the eradication of noxious plants and invasive species (especially if burning is prohibited).

Yours sincerely,

Tim Caffrey, Chief Executive.