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To whom it may concern,

I am emailing as a representative of the Lorrha Rathcabbin Gun club in regards to the up coming wild bird derogations. This needs to continue this year and in future years.

I have already this year seen a number of mallard nests being destroyed by hooded crows. what chance have the wildbird population got if control of preadtor species isnot carried
There is a push on to protect ground nesting birds which are in serious decline. How can the populations of curlew, lapwing etc. be expected to recover if certain species are not controlled,
At present the is a huge population of Hooded crows and magpies which as you know are scavenger species and are able to increase in population due to scavenging in urban areas this is then
these birds are moving out to the rural areas and causing devastation.

NPWS also currently pays people to control these species

Bird watch Ireland have even recently recommended that certain species should be controlled and that this is not being carried out as clubs are not culling birds as they once were. In My opinion these necessary culls are not being carried out due to the lack of clarity and the constant attacks on the hunting community.

We are also regularly asked to carry out culling of birds for crop protection and with the recent request by the government for farmers to grow extra crops due to the war in Ukraine. Crops need to be protected and it needs to be clarified when an where it is allowed to be carried out and not have different interpretations to the rules.

Please see attached the link to the birdwatch Ireland presentation

<https://www.teagasc.ie/media/website/publications/2021/Birds-of-conservation-concern-in-Ireland--BoCCI4.pdf>

I hope you listen to reason and sign the derogation.

Best Regards

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