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Dear Robin

We wish to provide our support in the fish management industry.

The British Trout Association represents over 80% of trout farming Business in the UK. The BTA is very active in helping and supporting Fish Farming and Fisheries on legislation, Government, R&D, and education of future fish farm and fishery workers and managers. Well trained staff are one of the most important parts to the success of the Industry.

We support the City & Guilds Level 2 Technical Certificate in Land & Wildlife, which includes a fish pathway. We believe it is suitable for someone aged 16 years or over and would be viewed by employers as providing a good foundation for someone progressing into the land and wildlife management sector.

The skills and knowledge in the qualification include:

- Health and safety and safe working practices
- Working in the landbased industries.
- Undertaking estate maintenance.
- Undertaking freshwater sport fishery management.
- Angling skills and knowledge.
- Fish health and biology.
- Work experience (150 hours)

We believe that these would give a young person an advantage when seeking employment for a job as a:

- trainee fishery manager.
- trainee river keeper.
- trainee fish farm worker.
- assistant maintenance operative.
- aquatics retail assistant.
- trainee aquarist trainee fishery officer.

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In addition, to those skills and knowledge specifically associated with the fish industries, the qualification would also be suitable for someone to progress to further learning and training, or to an apprenticeship.

We confirm that we consent to our company name (and logo) being made publicly available on the City & Guilds website.

Yours sincerely,

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Oliver Robinson British Trout Association Chairman

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