Dear Robin

We wish to provide our support as an employer within the fish management industry. Cefas is a world class marine science laboratory and has previously provided entry opportunities for students with fisheries and aquaculture related qualifications from Sparsholt College and other Universities. There are currently several ex Sparsholt students now working at various levels from fish health inspectors, to team leaders to providing advice to Defra. In addition, during fish farm, fishery and aquatic unit inspections we regularly encounter fellow ex-Sparsholt students within 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 land based 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.

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• aquatics retail assistant.
• trainee aquarist
• trainee fishery officer.

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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