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Dear Rhuari

**W Cumbria MRWS Partnership's representation of NGOs' position**

Thank you for your response to our letter of June 8<sup>th</sup>. I have to draw your attention to further inaccuracy in your documentation, this time in the Wood Holmes interim report (document no 158).

On page 21 it states, in Table 1

'The Partnership offered full membership to CORE, Greenpeace and FoE at the outset and have maintained open offer of further involvement throughout'

I refer you to a letter sent to Jean, Martin and myself from Fergus McMorrough dated 16 October 2008 and entitled 'Copeland MRWS Partnership' which states:

'Following discussion with key local partners we have agreed to a representative from local environmental campaigning groups. I have also sent this letter to the two other environmental groups listed on the attached list and would ask if you could reach an agreement between you as to which individual would represent all three organisations.'

Nothing changed this situation until 17 December 2009 when we received a letter from Elaine Woodburn, this time offering 2 seats (presumably to somehow be shared between the 3 of us) on the Partnership, along with bilateral meetings, and the invitation to make a presentation.

Indeed, the idea of NGO places on the MRWS is repeated (document 15.3 draft 17th May). How the decision to limit NGO places to two has never been explained fully.

These documents show that the statement in the Wood Holmes report is incorrect. Please would you arrange to correct this? It may of course have a bearing on the way that Wood Holmes have interpreted the evidence for involvement more generally in the report and so I would be grateful if you

would draw their attention to this, and let us have sight of their response.

We would also ask, as we have before, what the position would be if many NGOs wanted to join the process?

If the tone of the letter we sent to you (concerning invites to the MRWS) exposes a sense of irritation, it is because we genuinely don't want to have to do the work of checking through MRWS documents - a process which is very time-consuming - on behalf of the Partnership when it should be ensuring its own standards of accuracy.

Yours sincerely

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Cc Elaine Woodburn, Chair W Cumbria MRWS Partnership