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Hi All,

Could you please go to the link below, wait a few seconds for the page to load (good old British feeble fraudband) and then scroll down around a quarter of the page and vote YES: We should ban driven grouse shooting. The shooters might not have been out in force on the moors today but they have been out in force on the Herald website and are currently way ahead in the vote. Please vote and encourage others to do so too.

http://www.heraldscotland.com/politics/the_midge/14678503.The_Midge_Scores_sign_petition_to_ban_grouse_shooting_Time_for_sun_to_set_on_the_12th_VOTE/?ref=eb

Also I hope you will read this excellent article about an excellent article written by Chris Packham and the very negative though predictable reaction from the Countryside Alliance.

<https://www.theguardian.com/media/2015/sep/09/bbc-chris-packham-countryside-alliance>

When you have read that I hope you will want to use this link:

<https://you.38degrees.org.uk/petitions/bbc-don-t-sack-chris-packham?source=facebook-share-button&time=1470990918> and sign the petition urging the BBC to ignore the numpties and keep Chris Packham in his job.

Cheers, John

PS: I did forget something in the e-mail I sent you yesterday and it was a bit of positive news on one of our campaigns. In November 2013 I asked you to send protest e-mails to the RSPB who were shooting wild goats at Inversnaid on Loch Lomondside to protect (in the cheapest possible way) new trees they had planted. I wrote to the CEO of RSPB Scotland saying;

“I find it extremely distasteful that a wildlife conservation body such as the RSPB should get involved in a culling operation of this nature without fully researching all non-lethal options before using charitable donations to pay for bullets to kill sentient creatures.” “Do you not recognise that by killing animals you regard as pests you are little better than those who regard raptors as vermin and use lethal means to reduce their numbers?”

If you go to the link below you will see that contraceptive darts, something we have been promoting for years as an alternative to culling, are now being used by the RSPB to reduce goat numbers at Inversnaid.

<http://www.deadlinenews.co.uk/2016/08/09/army-vets-shoot-horny-goats-contraceptive-pill-s-ave-protected-woodland/>

Thanks to all of you who sent protest e-mails in 2013. You won a campaign! You might want to send a brief note thanking the RSPB for taking this progressive step: Dr. Mike Clarke, Chief Executive of RSPB U.K. Mike.Clarke@rspb.org.uk and Stuart Housden OBE, Chief Executive of RSPB Scotland rspb.scotland@rspb.org.uk

PPS: Someone contacted me early this morning (Friday) to ask about the situation at the Blackisle Wildlife Park. The Park had its Zoo Licence removed and then tried to circumvent the law by remaining open (without charging any admission fee but asking for donations to feed the animals) while getting rid of their exotic animals and applying for a Public Entertainments Licence (PEL) which would allow them to charge visitors to their “new” petting zoo with only domestic animals. We have lodged an objection to the granting of a PEL on the grounds that part of the reason they lost their Zoo Licence was because they didn’t take care of their domestic animals properly. The PEL should be considered by Highland Council any day now.