



Dear Members of the European Parliament,

For strong Common Fisheries Policy reform, vote for Fisheries Committee report

AIPCE-CEP, EUROCOMMERCE, EURO COOP, EURO-TOQUES INTERNATIONAL and WWF have a shared vision for sustainable European fisheries and work together for a strong reform of the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP) as the Alliance for Common Fisheries Policy Reform. Our European associations cover the processing, trading, consumer co-operative and retail sectors as well as chefs and WWF.

We welcome the Fisheries Committee report and its proposals for strong CFP reform. We write now to urge you to support this report at the February plenary vote, and ensure that Parliament uses its co-decision powers to transform the way EU fisheries are managed. We believe this reform is vital to ensure a healthy future for Europe's fish, seas and fishermen and a long-term supply of sustainable seafood in Europe.

The Alliance for Common Fisheries Policy Reform in particular welcomes and urges MEPs to support Fisheries Committee amendments which ensure the following priorities:

1. **Supporting Maximum Sustainable Yield by 2015**, including a deadline of 2020 for ensuring fish stocks recover to above sustainable levels;
2. **Regionalised fisheries management and Multi-Annual Plans (MAPs)** and clear deadlines for putting them in place;
3. **Stakeholder participation in Advisory Councils**, and new Advisory Councils for aquaculture and markets;
4. **A sustainable policy for the external fleet**, in line with existing EU environmental, social and development legislation;
5. **Smart Spending** to ensure fisheries subsidies are only paid to those who obey CFP rules.

We thank you in advance for your commitment to a healthy future for European fisheries and fishermen.

Yours sincerely,

WWF / AIPCE-CEP / EuroCommerce / Euro Coop / Euro-Toques International.



The Alliance members for Common Fisheries Policy Reform are:

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