Discard ban and landing obligation: laudable but impractical objective?

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Article 15 of the regulation (EU) 1380/2013 of the European Parliament and the Council dated 11 December 2013 concerning the Common Fisheries Policy includes the obligation to land all catches. This establishes one of the main pillars of the EU system for fisheries management and planning. Although it may be a praiseworthy objective it does not really adapt to our fleets’ daily fisheries activities, even if flexibility measures are introduced in its implementation. It could even represent an obstacle to their viability and sustainability.

The Atlantic Arc Regions are fully aware of this issue. During this seminar, they wish to bring together the visions of administrations and the fishing industry on the opportunities and weaknesses of the landing obligation. They also wish to exchange experiences, good practices and other areas of progress in implementing this measure in everyday fisheries activities.

Monday 26 June 2017

9:00: Opening Session
- Christophe Priou, President of the Fisheries and Aquaculture Working Group of the Atlantic Arc Commission - Conference of Peripheral and Maritime Regions (CPMR)
- Giuseppe Sciacca, in charge of fisheries at the CPMR General Secretariat
- Mercedes Rodríguez Moreda, Director General for Fisheries, Aquaculture and Technological Innovation - Xunta de Galicia

9:30: SESSION 1: INITIATIVES AND PERSPECTIVES ON THE LANDING OBLIGATION FROM THE POINT OF VIEW REGULATORY INSTITUTIONS
- Francisco Millan Mon, member of the European Parliament
- Regions:
  - Pierre Karleskind, Vice-President of the Brittany Region
  - Mercedes Rodríguez Moreda, Director General for Fisheries, Aquaculture and Technological Innovation - Xunta de Galicia
- José Miguel Corvinos Lafuente, Director General for Fisheries Resources and Aquaculture - Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, Food and Environment for Spain

Moderation of the seminar: Paloma Rueda, Director of the CETMAR
12:00: coffee break

12:30: SESSION 2: INITIATIVES AND PERSPECTIVES ON THE LANDING OBLIGATION FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF THE FISHING SECTOR

- José Jouneau, President of the Fisheries Committee for the Region Pays de la Loire
- Laurent Baranger, University of Nantes – Representative for France
- José Antonio Suárez-Llanos Rodríguez, Managing Director- Shipowners Cooperative of the City of Vigo (ARVI)

Moderation of the seminar: Xosé Lago García, Deputy Director for External Affairs and Crossborder Cooperation - Xunta de Galicia

14:00: Lunch

16:30-18:00: Visit of the Harbour Authority of Vigo- Ría de Vigo

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6:00: Visit of the fish auction premises in Vigo

8:00: Coffee-Presentation of the fishing activities in Vigo

Transfer walking

9:30: Visit of COPER-ATUNLO

10:45: Visit of the Armón Vigo shipyard

12.00: Coffee (CETMAR)

12:15: SESSION 3: INITIATIVES OF GALICIA ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LANDING OBLIGATION

- CETMAR: Paloma Rueda Crespo, Managing Director
  - DISCARDLESS
  - MINOUW
- ARVI: Jorge Romón Olea, Head of Research, Technological Development and Innovation Area
  - Commercial exploitation – New species
- SHIPOWNERS ASSOCIATION FROM THE CITY OF MARÍN: Francisco Teijeira González, Deputy Secretary
  - Zero discard: opportunities from new species
- ANFACO/CECOPESCA (canned products): Roberto Carlos Alonso, Coordinator for the scientific and technological area of CECOPESCA
  - Project of employment in relation with fish discards
- CONXEMAR (frozen products): Gemma Laso Rodríguez, Officer on I+D+i
  - Project of fish discards commercialisation

Moderation of the seminar: Mercedes Rodríguez Moreda, Director General for Fisheries, Aquaculture and Technological Innovation - Xunta de Galicia

14:00: Conclusions-Closing session:

- Christophe Priou, President of the Fisheries and Aquaculture Working Group of the Atlantic Arc Commission - CPMR
- Giuseppe Sciacca, in charge of fisheries at the CPMR General Secretariat
- Rosa Quintana Carballo, Regional Councillor for Fisheries and Maritime Affairs of the Xunta de Galicia

14:30: Lunch (CETMAR)

16:00: Seminar closing