

# All Party Parliamentary Fishing Group



You are invited to a Meeting of the All Party Parliamentary Fishing Group to be held on **Wednesday 18th November at 3pm in Committee Room 11, Palace of Westminster.**

## Agenda

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of last meeting
3. Matters Arising
4. Annual fisheries debate
5. Presentation by Stewart Harper of North Atlantic Fishing Co.
6. Date of next meeting

Also to be circulated at the meeting

1. Seafish Update from Libby Woodhatch
2. South Western Fish Producers Organisation on December Fisheries Council
3. European Commission Factsheet on December Council meeting

### Article 10 of the proposed Regulation states

Article 10 Measures on Sea bass fisheries 1. It shall be prohibited for Union vessels to fish for sea bass in ICES divisions VIIb, VIIc, VIIj and VIIk, as well as in the waters of ICES divisions VIIa and VIIg that are more than 12 nautical miles from the baseline under the sovereignty of the United Kingdom. It shall be prohibited for Union vessels to retain on board, tranship, relocate or land sea bass caught in that area. 2. From 1 January 2016 to 30 June 2016, it shall be prohibited to Union vessels to fish for sea bass in ICES divisions IVb, IVc, VIIa and from VIId to VIIh, and to retain on board, relocate, tranship or land sea bass caught in that area. However, a vessel deploying demersal trawls and seines<sup>30</sup> shall be permitted to retain on board catches of sea bass that are not more than 1% of the weight of the total catches of marine organisms on board. 3. From 1 July 2016 to 31 December 2016 it shall be prohibited for Union vessels to fish quantities exceeding 1 000 kilograms per any vessel per month of sea bass in the following areas: (a) ICES divisions IVb, IVc, VIId, VIIe, VIIf and VIIh; (b) waters within 12 nautical miles from baseline under the sovereignty of the United Kingdom in ICES divisions VIIa and VIIg. During that period, it shall also be prohibited for Union vessels to retain on board, relocate, tranship or land quantities of sea bass exceeding 1 000 kilograms caught in those areas. The catch limits set in this paragraph shall not be transferable from one month to another or between vessels. Member States shall report to the Commission catches of sea bass per type of gear not later than 20 days after the end of each month. 4. In recreational fisheries in ICES divisions IVb, IVc, VIIa, VIId, VIIe, VIIf, VIIg, VIIh, VIIj and VIIk not more than one specimen of sea bass may be retained per fisherman per day.