



2013: a decisive year to reform the fisheries policy

After yesterday's vote in the European Parliament's fisheries committee, negotiations on the reform package will regain momentum in early 2013 with both the vote on the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP) proposal in the Parliament plenary and, the subsequent vote on the EMFF proposal.

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EP Fisheries Committee supports CFP Reform

The Fisheries Committee of the European Parliament voted on 18 December 2012 to support the key elements of the Commission's proposal for a new Common Fisheries Policy. Amendments endorsing legal obligations to end discards and to manage fish stocks above sustainable levels, as well as amendments that call for more regionalised decision-making were adopted by comfortable majorities.

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Interview with new Commission advisor Pierre-Yves Cousteau



Commissioner Damanaki has appointed Pierre-Yves Cousteau as special advisor because of his long-term engagement to promote the sustainable use of the marine resources. Mr. Cousteau is president of Cousteau Divers which promotes the study and protection of the environment. In this interview, he discusses his work in the area of sustainability and marine protected areas, his new role as a special advisor and how participatory science works in practice.

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Aquaculture: strategic guidelines under discussion

On 23 November, the Commission organised a conference in La Coruña (Galicia, Spain) on European aquaculture, together with the Spanish and Galician governments. The aim was to gather suggestions from Member States, producers and stakeholders for the future "Strategic guidelines for the sustainable development of EU aquaculture".

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The RACs express their views on their future

The Commission and the Advisory Councils discuss how to implement regionalisation in the new Common Fisheries Policy

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Deadline: 30/04/2013

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Publications and studies

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