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Concerning fisheries issues, the ministers tried to find a political agreement on fishing opportunities for certain deep-sea stocks for 2013 and 2014. They also had an exchange of views on the annual consultations between the EU and Norway. Finally the ministers have been briefed on the EU-Morocco agreement on agriculture, the error rate in rural development, the EU food model, the Norway pout stocks and the EU-Mauritania fisheries agreement.

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TIME	DESCRIPTION	DURATION
00:00:00	Title	00:00:05
00:00:05	Arrival of the speakers	00:00:04
00:00:09	SOUNDBITE by Sofoclis Aletraris, Cypriot Minister of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environment and Preisdent in office of the Council (In Greek) saying that: The first thing I would like to say is that today the Council adopted a draft regulation fixing the fishing opportunities for EU vessels for certain deep sea fish stocks for 2013 and 2014. Tax and quotas for deep sea fish stocks have been set for the years 2013 and 2014.	00:00:34
00:00:43	Cutaway	00:00:03
00:00:46	SOUNDBITE by Sofoclis Aletraris (In Greek) saying that: We also had constructive discussions and an exchange of views on the annual consultations with Norway in the context of the fisheries agreement. The commissioner briefed the Council on the first round of consultations that took place last week. Consultations will continue in December with a view to reaching an agreement based on the progress that has been made on other fishing opportunities and quotas.	00:00:40
00:01:26	Cutaway	00:00:03

00:01:29	SOUNDBITE by Sofoclis Aletraris (In Greek) saying that: There was also some discussion of the fisheries protocol between the EU and the Islamic republic of Mauritania. The Dutch Minister expressed some concerns about the protocol and asked for technical committee to be set up to look at technical specifications and preconditions.	00:00:30
00:01:59	Cutaway	00:00:04
00:02:03	SOUNDBITE by Maria Damanaki, Member of the EC in charge of Maritime Affairs and Fisheries (In English) saying that: For 2 species we had concrete scientific advice asked for this year and we have followed it of course. For the other species we followed the precautionary principle and I hope that year after year the scientific advice is getting to be improved so we have more concrete advice to reach and more security above the sustainability of the stocks.	00:00:25
00:02:28	Cutaway	00:00:04
00:02:32	SOUNDBITE by Maria Damanaki (In English) saying that: On sharks, we keep the zero fisheries proposal which came by the Commission. I think this si something we have to do because this species is in danger. I would like to underline that shark is a very vulnerable species; they reach maturity after 30 years of life and they have only 1 or 2 baby sharks throughout a year.	00:00:37
00:03:09	Speakers leaving the press room	00:00:07
00:03:16	End	00:00:00

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