

Dear Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries-MARE A,

I have read parts of the Green Paper on the CFP reform, and as a restaurateur, would like to make comments.

1. I would fully support the notion of a greater area of no-take zones or marine protected areas in European waters. There are currently too few and many are open seasonally. It is easy for us to explain to our fish eating customers the benefits of NTZs or MPAs, as is a concept that can be readily understood and supported.
2. Discards (by-catch or high grading in my definition) should be banned. All fish caught should be landed, and so as not to provide an incentive for fishermen to take under-sized fish, or species in danger of collapse, stricter measures on gear with regards to mesh size and escape devices should become mandatory, and fisherman should not benefit financially from fish that are caught under size. In turn, we will encourage our customers to eat a wider variety of species, thereby limiting the need to target certain species at the expense of huge discards of others.
3. Labelling a fish by the gear type it was caught should become mandatory. That way fishermen using benign methods of catch should be able to get a higher price for their fish. Our customers say in surveys that they are prepared to pay more for fish caught with less damage to the marine environment.

I hope this is useful.

Yours sincerely,

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