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The common fisheries policy takes little or no account of common sense
 You cannot legislate for what people catch when they fish any where they wish and as far away from their own shore as they wish to travel.
 To demand that over catching is to be dumped back in the sea is ludicrous and does nothing to sustain fish stocks.

Loosening such a policy would just allow people to "overfish accidentally" so that is obviously a no go area

Firstly Accept that the policy is deeply flawed and unworkable and scrap it.

Then give back control to local people to sustainably fish in their own waters. If they dont have waters they dont This is probably be the best and only solution.
 No man is going to fish himself out of catch. They never have in the thousands of years we have been fishing.
 However if your neighbour is allowed to fish in your patch wherever that coastline is then the result is everybody "steals" fish from the other patches.
 If a far way country is allowed to fish in your patch then there is no control over the take.

If they are then allowed to use unsustainable large nets which catch too much fish then we will end up with no fish
 Make the protected in shore fishing zone 100 miles from the coast or 50% of the distance between countries and coast lines if this is too much.
 No fishing fleets from outside the owner county to be allowed to fish in those zones.

Dump the policy that entitles anyone to fish wherever they like outside their area except in deep seas more than 100 miles (or an agreed protected space) from shore.

In summary

- Scrap the existing policy
- Re-instate the Country based protected waters around a coastline
- Give the management of this to the local people
- Legislate on the types and sizes of the fishing nets
- The EU can deal with high level policy
- The local people can police their own area
- Countries which have small sea coasts cannot fish other than in their own space (Countries with no coastline dont fish)
- Limit who can fish in the more open seas around Europe by Licence ie no remote factory fishing fleets hovering up stocks miles away from home

I dont suppose that the EU can implement such a sensible policy but I have no connection with the fishing industry apart from liking

to eat the catch and I would like to have it in the shops for a long time.

Stop arguing about vested interests and do good for once for the benefit of all.

Ask somebody like Switzerland with no axe to grind to do it.

Dont be high jacked by states with vested interests.

Get on with it or we will have no stock