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The Lisbon Treaty has turned the Scots into monsters.

It seems to have been forgotten that the original Common Fisheries Policy was designed to help to keep Scotland's MEPs out of biased fish committees and in the mainstream human interest committees. By rendering our key fishing interests "non-negotiable", the policy minimised the amount of defensive work that Scotland's MEPs had to do in the field of fisheries and it maximised their capacity to engage in mainstream politics on an equal footing with MEPs from the heartlands of Continental Europe.

The new fish policy is so imbalanced and unfair that it is helping to keep Scotland's MEPs in the fish committee and out of committees of interest to humans. Now that our key fishing interests are open to negotiation under QMV, a ridiculous 57.142% of Scotland's MEPs are today floundering in the backwaters of the fish committee, in the company of 4.3% of the MEPs from the rest of Europe, fending off predatory attacks on our "non-negotiable" fishing interests.

The extension of QMV in fisheries has transformed Scotland's MEPs into something other than full time representatives of the people: part time defenders of the beast. What does that say about me and my fellow Scottish voters? Are we part time people and part time fish?!!

Either the time has come for Scotland to grant fish the vote. Or it's time for Europe to recognise that Scotland hasn't been competently integrated out of the old regime which protected our fish to permit our MEPs to serve as full time representatives of the people.

Denmark, population 5 million, has 1 member of the fish committee and 13 "fish free" MEPs. Scotland, population 5 million, has 4 members of the fish committee and only 3 fish free MEPs. Self evidently, the Danes are far better able to look after their interests in fields other than fisheries. This is most unfair.

It is also unfair that Scotland is in the vicious circle of having too many, but not enough of her MEPs in the fish Committee. We have far too many MEPs in the fish committee for a nation that gets only 7 (going down to 6) MEPs to look after 5 million humans. But we don't have enough MEPs to defend our fishing interests for a country that is inadequately represented in the Council and the Commission with millions of fish to conserve.

I don't know why Scotland's unionists incompetently voted to expand the "fishy remit" of Scotland's MEPs in aberrant, dysfunctional and biologically repugnant ways. Perhaps they never knew that the most important function of old European fish law was to help to keep Scotland's MEPs in the human interest committees. They have hung Scotland's MEPs out to dry and deserve to be roasted like herrings.

It's time for Scotland's MEPs to give up fishing for their living and to get back to work serving us, the people. Scotland deserves a CFP opt out. Legislators read Article 155.3 of the 1985 Act of Accession and recognise that wherever Scotland is, she can't remain in the same high maintenance fish policy as England and Spain which is inappropriately forcing too many of her few MEPs to slave for a lower life form than man.

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