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Ladies and gentlemen,

as a politically interested citizen, I would like to make the following contribution to the green paper discussion:

Healthy seas and a vibrant maritime life are public goods which belong to all, similar to clean air and a stable climate. Therefore, similar mechanisms should be used when preserving clean air and vibrant seas. It is a problem of global scale; lacking an effective global authority, the EU needs to act in a "trustee" role.

Limiting capacity through legislation requires too much bureaucratic effort at the wrong place. Instead, the EU should, first, set the sustainable level of fishing rights. Subsequently, after initial grandfathering of fishing rights, it should auction an increasing share of these fishing rights to fishers, thus ultimately to the consumers of maritime life. Proceeds could be used to make social programmes accompanying the adjustment of fleets and capacities. Third, to avoid a surge of imports and illegal fishing, import duties reflecting the internal auction prices per fish should be levied and supervised, using methods such as the Danish surveillance system.

Micro-managing the downscaling of fleets and quotas makes the process too technical, obscure and slow and thus offers too many points of intervention for lobbyists. Seeking public decisions and a simple system is the only way the Commission can face up to special interests.

Kind regards,

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