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Dear Sir/Madam

I believe that if the EU is serious about rejuvenating fish stock, all sea bed trawling must be stopped.

See here for more info:

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/science/nature/3719590.stm>

Also I believe that when people start fishing deep sea fish like orange roughy, this is an alarm call - orange roughy is a very long-lived deep sea fish - it takes years to mature to adulthood and we are devastating its population. There needs to be a moratorium on fishing all threatened stock throughout the EU until the stocks recover. We should learn the lessons from Canada, whose Newfoundland cod stock were destroyed by over-exploitation.

Regarding fishing communities and culture, let's get down to basic values - I care about species - I believe each species has an intrinsic right to exist. Each species is the product of billions of years of evolution, and if it goes extinct we will never ever get it back again - this is not something that can be measured up against employment or a monetary value - keeping species from extinction is an inviolable rule that we must ensure!

If current fishing practice is threatening species survival we must reduce our fishing practice until it doesn't - it is that simple.

If there are too many fishermen at the moment, then they should get training and work in other jobs. Keeping on fishing for cultural value, while species go extinct is unacceptable, even more it is profoundly wrong and what we do now will be judged by our descendants.

As one scientist said - we are burning the libraries of the world before we even have made a card catalogue

Yours
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