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Subject: BASS Consultation

I would implore you to seriously consider the measures being suggested by Save our Sea Bass, and not be dissuaded by the commercial lobby who will argue their livelihood depends on being able to continue to catch bass either as a direct catch or as a significant by catch.

What about the livelihoods of the many who depend on the leisure angler for their income. All the figures show that the leisure angling sector puts more into the economy by a significant factor than that derived from the commercial group.

When illegal catchers are taken court can we please ensure that punishment is not a slap-on-the-wrist but a suitable deterrent properly enforced. It worked in the USA who managed to recover their striped bass stocks relatively quickly, but they had the advantage of the 2 gene difference between theirs and ours - one gives the bass its stripes and the other its faster growth rate and larger ultimate size.

Yours sincerely

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