

Dear Sirs,

first of all let me to introduce myself.

I am a naval architect and marine engineer. I have been:

- for 40 years, head of the Fishing vessel technologies inside the Institute of Marine Sciences of the Italian Research Council (Ancona – Italy).

- for ten years, a member of the Scientific, Technical and Economical Committee for Fisheries of the U.E. in Brussels

- et cetera

I was retired since 2009 but at present I'm often asked as an advisor of fishermen for economical opportunities under the common fisheries policy.

What I would like to underline is the importance of having well qualified members in the E.U. commissions when stating what kind of interventions are allowed.

In other words, the proposals of technical interventions on fishing vessels should be formulated only by a naval architect (not by biologists or economists and so on, as very often happened).

For instance, recently I read, in a list of technical measures, that the bilge keels of a hull allow reducing the fuel consumption!

Of course this note is true also for the local Institutions which must apply the U.E. disposals.

Then, a suitable recommendations should be made.

Here, in addition, a correct translation should be ensured.

Best regards

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