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Subject: Bag Limit for Bass Anglers

Dear Sirs

I am a sea angler, fishing mostly for European Sea Bass in the United Kingdom where I live and in Ireland and France where I sometimes visit.

I wrote to you some months ago in regard to the 2018 Fishing Opportunities process and the proposal to restrict recreational angling for sea bass even further than has already happened, even though there is no evidence that recreational sea anglers are significantly responsible for the present low stock levels of bass.

In the end recreational sea anglers were allowed to fish on a catch & release only basis in 2018 pending the outcome of an ICES Bench-marking exercise that, as I understand it, as now been completed. I also understand that the outcome will be that the estimates of bass mortality attributed to recreational sea anglers has been readjusted downwards to a very significant degree.

In the light of these outcomes and the revised estimates I urge you to reinstate a bag limit for recreational sea anglers with utmost urgency.

Yours sincerely
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