



ROUNDTABLE CONFERENCE:

How Can Industry Innovation meet the Challenges of the CFP Landing Obligation?

**Tuesday 8 December 2015
10:00-11:30
Room ASP 5E3
European Parliament (Brussels)**

Chaired by:

Alain Cadec MEP

Chair of the “*Fisheries, Aquaculture & Integrated Maritime Policy*” working group of the EP Intergroup on “*Climate Change, Biodiversity and Sustainable Development*”

AGENDA

The landing obligation is one of the biggest challenges to come out of the CFP reform. David Stevens, a fisherman working off the southwest coast of England is the skipper of the family-owned vessel, the Crystal Sea. He has been working in partnership with the UK’s management and scientific bodies to undertake a Catch Quota Trial (CQT) in an effort to demonstrate that fisher-led innovation can provide new ways to tackle the challenges of the demersal landing obligation. Facilitated and incentivised through a small uplift in quota, the trial was based on a foundation of collaborative working between partners, and has resulted in proven new methods for reducing discarding of quota species.

His work will be showcased at this event through the screening of the film “Gearing up for Change”, in which Mr Stevens explains his work and provides a balanced and in-depth perspective on approaches to successfully implementing the landing obligation.

The screening will be followed by a roundtable discussion involving European policy-makers and stakeholders to consider how the results of the CQT can serve as a useful message on the value of innovation, collaboration and incentivisation for EU fishermen and policy makers, and how innovative gear technology, coupled with smart quota management can play a complementary role in new approaches to reducing discards.

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Registration **09h00 at the Ex-INFO-POINT**

Welcome coffee **09h30 – 10h00**

10:00-10:05 Welcoming address by **MEP Alain Cadec**

10:05-10:15 Screening of the short film “**Gearing up for change**”, by David Stevens

10:15-10:35 Remarks by fisherman **David Stevens, Crystal Sea**

10:35-10:45 Intervention by **Joao Aguiar Machado, Director-General of DG MARE, European Commission**

10:45-10:55 Presentation by **Jacques Pichon, Pêcheurs de Bretagne**

10:55-11:25 Roundtable Discussion

How can the trial demonstrated by David Stevens serve as a useful message on the value of innovation, collaboration and incentivisation to EU fishermen and policy makers? How can such gear and technological innovation be combined with smart quota management to realise the most effective and empowering way for fishermen to meet the Landing Obligation?

11:25-11:30 Closing remarks by **MEP Alain Cadec**

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