



Proposal for a Multi-annual plan for the North Sea

Final joint NGO voting recommendations (including compromise amendments)

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Key NGO recommendations:

- Ensure that exploitation of living marine biological resources restores and maintains populations of all harvested species above levels which can produce the Maximum Sustainable Yield (MSY): **support COMP 12 and AMs 33, 184, 38** and **reject AMs 107, 136, 163**;
- Limit ranges of fishing mortality to those that will meet the requirements in Article 2(2) of the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP) for all harvested stocks. For stocks with MSY-based reference points, this means that F_{MSY} should be the upper limit. **Support AMs 90, 94, 22, 316, 319** and **reject AMs 157, 223, 224, 225**;
- Ensure that recovery targets to restore stocks to levels above those capable of producing MSY apply to all harvested stocks, including a comparable degree of conservation for stocks without MSY reference points. Recovery targets must be coupled with corresponding measures and safeguards in accordance with the best available scientific advice, as well as specific timeframes: **support COMP 3 and COMP 9, and AMs 12, 36, 41, 45, 47, 48, 203, 216** and **reject AMs 199, 201**;
- Contribute to the elimination of discards by avoiding and reducing, as far as possible, unwanted catches, and ensure compliance with the landing obligation: **support COMP 14 and AMs 279, 280** and **reject AMs 78, 100, 155, 166, 167, 168**;
- Implement the ecosystem-based approach to fisheries management, establish fish stock recovery areas and ensure coherence with environmental legislation, in particular the Birds and Habitats Directives as well the Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD): **support AMs 5, 85, 34, 54**;
- Include provisions for the management of recreational fisheries: **support COMP 1 and AM 270**;
- Ensure that the evaluation of the plan considers whether its objectives are met: **support COMP 11**.