

How Marine Recreational Fisheries are contributing to the CFP goals

Annex to the presentation

Social importance

more jobs
cross-generational tradition
part of the social fabric of communities

Economy - (much) higher value per fish taken

Hyder et al - [study for Pech committee 2017](#): 100.000 jobs and 10.5 billion revenue
especially in small coastal communities

Health - the healing power of engaging with nature

the Covid 'angling explosion' - the angling escape hatch
before that, our sector has proven its resilience to adversity in the 2008 financial crisis
in times of crisis people tend to look for nearby and cheap outdoor activities

Selective and sustainable fishing

low environmental impact
high post release survival
so effectively low-to-no bycatch
no ocean floor disturbance

We side with science

ICES advice
because we require (and support) healthy stocks
science should be given the final say over quota allocations

We can be instrumental in better data collection

and are participating already
but we expect balance between MRF and commercial transparency

We can help with control and enforcement

We work pro-actively on ecosystem recovery

eg [migratory fish](#) such as salmon, sea trout, sturgeon
protection/reintroduction of threatened species

Fish is a public resource

that we're advocating
touching the rights of millions of EU citizens
having a direct stake in policy
civic engagement, including youth education and environmental awareness
interest in sea matters

Catch & cook: high quality protein

angling familiarizes the public with eating fish
– anglers eat more fish and support commercial fisheries
angling familiarizes the public with the local fish
'fish to fork'