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Yes

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If so, what type of organisation do you work for?:

Business

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5 If you represent an organisation, what is its name?

Organisation:

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6 What sector of work/interest do you represent?

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Catching

7 Which region are you from?

Which region are you from?:

East of England

8 Do you consider yourself to be based in a coastal area?

Yes

Submitting evidence

Section 1 - Setting our course

Q1 Do you agree with the proposed powers in the Fisheries Bill?

Not Answered

Please give reasons for your answer. :

We agree and support the proposed powers mentioned in the bill at a UK level but it is not mentioned how the proposed powers will be separated through out the devolved administrations.

As an English registered fishing company operating out of Redacted Scotland we have been disadvantaged by the concordat and fear the same.

As an English company we also feel we need English representation at ministerial level rather than the UK minister acting on behalf of primarily the U.K and secondary England.

Q2 What are your priorities for UK negotiations with the EU on fisheries?

Please give reasons for your answer. :

It is of utmost importance that trade and access to U.K. waters remain totally separate issues.

As a recognised coastal state under UNCLOS we should:-

Re-appropriation of the UK's quota shares through our EEZ to represent our fishing capabilities. (at U.K. level not regional zonal attachment, this would disadvantage the English demersal sector which operate from Scotland) Maintain the 12nm limit for the benefit of our inshore sector There is no long term negotiation strategy on TAC's and access, to U.K should hold full control in negotiations to set TAC's and access to be held annually in a bi-lateral setting.

Q3 What are your priorities for controlling our waters after exit?

Please give reasons for your answer. :

The UK needs a clear and robust system to guard against IUU fishing activities

All UK/non-UK vessels operate inline with current UK fishing policy

All monitoring technologies need to be utilised and be compatible with EU neighbouring countries.

Boundaries on information sharing with EU neighbouring countries need to be removed to deter IUU fishing practices.

Q4 What are your priorities for the UK's international role in fisheries (beyond the EU)?

Please give reasons for your answer. :

To be a leader in conservation and sustainable fisheries practises

Have representation at EU and global fisheries management organisations

Be an equal as a coastal state at a global level

Q5 What are the fisheries policy areas where a legislative or non-legislative common approach (framework) across the UK is necessary?

Please give reasons for your answer. :

Equal access for all UK registered vessels throughout UK waters including UK ports.

A revision of the concordat so that no administration or fishing sector is disadvantaged (if this is impossible the concordat should be disregarded)

A framework to enable free unimpeded movement of vessels and quotas between DA's

Q6 Do you have any further comments relating to the issues addressed in this section?

Please give reasons for your answer. :

Fisheries management should be controlled at UK level

The current methodology of top slicing English-only allocations to give the non-sector U10m fleet is in effect devaluing English FQA's against the other 3 DA's

FQA's. This is further exaggerated by the U10m sector not utilising the top sliced FQA's as their fishing opportunities do not reflect the FQA units donated.

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Section 2 – Pursuing sustainable management

Q7 Do you agree with the measures proposed to ensure fishing at sustainable levels?

d) Partially disagree

Please give reasons for your answer:

Sustainable harvesting strategies is of upmost importance

Achieving MSY for all stocks in a given timeframe is not possible this is a classic example of a top down approach.

Sustainable harvesting should be based on scientific advice not politically generated ideals.

You will be aware of the orders for new vessels is at an all time high, what are the requirements for building a new vessel. We know you need capital and a licence but what about quota?

In order to qualify to build a 'new vessel' a minimum amount of quota should be provided which represents the catching capacity of the vessel being build, for example a 21m prawn trawler does not only catch prawns there is a level of fish which is 'unavoidable' catch.

Q8 Do you agree that existing quota should continue to be allocated on an FQA basis?

a) Strongly Agree

Please give reasons for your answer:

Fishing companies and fishers have made considerable investments in FQA's, they provide stability and responsibility for industry

Q9 How should any additional quota that we negotiate as an independent coastal state be allocated?

Please give reasons for your answer. :

Additional quota should be allocated through the FQA register at a UK level. Below UK level the DA's can apportion quota as them deem necessary.

It is our view that the catching sector should primarily benefit from additional quota to adhere to the land all obligation, the sector also has the best capabilities to 'feed' the UK and should be prioritised as a result

Additional quota can also be used such incentives as new entrant schemes it should not however be used to alleviate a political problem generated in Westminster (U10m sector)

It is our strong view that no sector should see themselves 'worse off' after BREXIT

Q10 Do you agree that Defra should run a targeted scientific trial of an effort system in English inshore waters?

c) Neither agree nor disagree

Please give reasons for your answer:

It might be beneficial to the very small scale fisher (low impact) but effort regimes around the world have been widely discredited

Q11 Do you agree with our proposals to explore alternative management systems for certain shellfisheries in England?

c) Neither agree nor disagree

Please give reasons for your answer. Please provide examples, where relevant, of specific approaches that should be prioritised/explored. :

Like any sensible fisheries management plan, science needs to be at the forefront and at a UK level

Q12 Do you agree that there is a case for further integrating recreational angling into fisheries management?

c) Neither agree nor disagree

Please give reasons for your answer. :

The angling sector contributes to fisheries mortality and so it can be argued that they need to be introduced into fisheries management. Documentation of catches should be a requirement but we believe the enforcement of this sector would be difficult, at least early in the BREXIT timeline.

Q13 Do you agree with the proposed package of measures and initiatives to reduce wasteful discards?

c) Neither agree nor disagree

Please give reasons for your answer. :

The landing obligation in its current form is unachievable

We need to work on 'at sea accountability' and remove the need to land all catches, this will only be achieved through behavioural change not legislative change.

The LO will only succeed in criminalising fishermen.

Q14 Do you agree with the proposed approach to protecting our marine environment in relation to fisheries including the powers proposed in the Fisheries Bill?

b) Partially Agree

Please give reasons for your answer. :

Generally agree with the proposed

Q15 What opportunities are there for the sector to become more involved in both the provision and direction of science and evidence development needed for fisheries management?

Please give reasons for your answer. :

Fisheries science partnerships are essential, the fishing community is a huge source of data that needs to be explored.

Q16 Do you have any further comments relating to the issues addressed in this section?

Please give reasons for your answer. :

NO

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Section 3 – Resourcing the new approach

Q17 What would be your priorities for any future funding for the sector or coastal communities?

Please give reasons for your answer. :

Processing, Safety, Training, Infrastructure in ports and Science.
Without funding in each of these sectors our industry will struggle

Q18 Do you have any further comments relating to the issues addressed in this section?

Please give reasons for your answer. :

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Section 4 – Partnership working

Q19 How far do you agree with our future vision to pursue a partnership approach with industry and others for sustainably managing fisheries?

Please give reasons for your answer. :

Lockers Trawlers wholeheartedly support a partnership approach. The industry are the biggest losers if fisheries policy's are flawed.
By sharing the respons bility industry and government can provide and maintain a stable and healthy ecosystem.

Q20 Do you have any further comments relating to the issues addressed in this section?

Please give reasons for your answer. :

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Consultee Feedback on the Online Survey

5 Overall, how satisfied are you with our online consultation tool?

Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied

Please give us any comments you have on the tool, including suggestions on how we could improve it: