

EU Commissioner's Views on CFP Reform

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Commissioner for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, Maria Damanaki in speeches to the European Parliament has set out the Commission's views on the possible directions for CFP reform. One is that tradeable fishing rights would provide fishers who wish to retire from the fishery with a means to build alternative livelihoods. Tradeable rights scheme are likely to be based on rights which a) are tradable only within a Member State; b) are only user rights (not property rights in perpetuity) and will fall back to the Member States after a period and; c) have limits in terms of their concentration of ownership. It also appears that the Commission will propose dropping subsidies for decommissioning of vessels, a program which has failed to reduce capacity. Mixed fisheries would likely be managed by effort limitation rather than catch quotas (effort limitation has been discredited as a viable management method for the New England groundfish fishery). Finally, the move toward devolution of fisheries management decision making to Regional Advisory Councils will continue.

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