

## Westminster Food & Nutrition Forum Keynote Seminar

### Future of UK fishing: reforming the Common Fisheries Policy, marine environment policy and towards a more sustainable fishing industry

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> October 2012

Venue: Harvey Goodwin Suite, Church House Conference Centre, Dean's Yard, London SW1P 3NZ

Agenda subject to change



- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chairman's opening remarks**  
**Baroness Parminter**, Member, EU Sub-Committee D - Agriculture, Fisheries, Environment and Energy
- 9.05 - 9.25 **Update on the process of reform**  
**Franz Lamplmair**, Adviser for Fisheries Policy, Common Fisheries Policy Reform Team, Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs & Fisheries, European Commission  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.25 - 10.20 **Challenges for implementation of the CFP in the UK**  
*To what extent will the reformed CFP contribute to the UK Government's aims of securing healthy fish stocks, a prosperous fishing industry and a healthy marine environment for the future? What are the challenges of moving towards a regional approach to fisheries management, and how should regional managers work alongside non-regional groups and national policymakers? With reform proposals outlining a stronger role for Producer Organisations (POs), how should they be involved in managing quota uptake and discards? How likely is the reform to succeed in its objective of restoring stocks to Maximum Sustainable Yield (MSY) and, with limited data sets for some stocks, how should MSY be calculated? Should additional quantitative objectives for sustainability be introduced in order to increase accountability? How should the proposed ban on discards be introduced, and what lessons can be learnt from trials to reduce discards in the UK?*  
**Bertie Armstrong**, Chief Executive Officer, Scottish Fishermen's Federation  
**David Symes**, Reader Emeritus, Geography, University of Hull  
**Philip MacMullen**, Head of Environment, Seafish  
**Dr Mireille Thom**, Senior Marine Policy Officer, WWF Scotland  
**Barrie Deas**, Chief Executive, NFFO (National Federation of Fishermen's Organisations)  
**Fergus Randolph QC**, Barrister, Brick Court Chambers  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.20 - 10.25 **Chairman's closing remarks**  
**Baroness Parminter**, Member, EU Sub-Committee D - Agriculture, Fisheries, Environment and Energy
- 10.25 - 10.55 Coffee
- 10.55 - 11.00 **Chairman's opening remarks**  
**Austin Mitchell MP**, Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Fisheries Group
- 11.00 - 11.50 **Next steps for moving towards a more sustainable fishing industry: the industry and the marine environment**  
*Is consumer demand shifting towards different fish products in light of popular campaigns around discarding and sustainability? Should the food industry be doing more to support a sustainable fishing industry, for example through increasing consumer awareness, or by 'choice-editing', so that products from fragile fish stocks are no longer on offer? With recent reports suggesting that between 20% and 50% of all seafood consumed in the UK is eaten out of the home, should restaurants and food suppliers be doing more to inform consumers about the provenance of their fish products? With worries expressed about the delay of the introduction of Marine Conservation Zones (MCZ), and concerns that policy is not being tough enough to prevent environmental damage, does more need to be done to meet the Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD) targets such as Good Environmental Status (GES)?*  
**David Baldock**, Executive Director, Institute for European Environmental Policy (IEEP)  
**Peter Hajjipieris**, Chief Technical & Sustainability Officer, Iglo Foods Group  
**Jon Walker**, Sustainable Fish City Coordinator, Sustain  
**Doug Wright**, Executive Head Chef, Loch Fyne Restaurants  
**Quentin Clark**, Head of Sustainability and Ethical Sourcing, Waitrose  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.50 - 12.30 **International trade and disputes**  
*Following recent disputes with Iceland and the Faroe Islands over mackerel fishing, should the EC be doing more to fast-track mooted sanctions? With the EU importing 65% of fisheries products available on the market, should the CFP have an objective relating to future food security? Is the EU importing too much, and how do EU imports affect global fisheries – including in developing countries dependent on fish as a protein source? Looking beyond CFP reform, what more needs to be done to secure a sustainable fishing industry at the global level? Following Iceland's application to join the EU – and with discussions on fisheries ongoing – how would UK fishing be affected by Iceland's accession to the EU?*  
**His Excellency Kim Traavik**, the Norwegian Ambassador  
**Aniol Esteban**, Head of Environmental Economics, nef (New Economics Foundation) and OCEAN 2012  
**Chris Hedley**, Director, Globe Law Group  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 - 12.55 **Next steps for fishing policy**  
**John Robbs**, Director of Marine and Fisheries, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chairman's and Westminster Food & Nutrition Forum closing remarks**  
**Austin Mitchell MP**, Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Fisheries Group  
**Peter van Gelder**, Director, Westminster Food & Nutrition Forum