The unintended impact of the European discard ban

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Press Briefing
Landing Obligation 2015 - 2019

Catch - Discards = Landings

2015 - 2019

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Catch = Landings
Incentives

- Industry involvement
- Increase quota
- Preferential access
- Deregulation
- Less cost/funding
- Transparency
- Certification

- Monitoring requirements
- Sanctions
LO positive incentives…

✓ Prohibited species

✓ TACs deleted

✓ LO Exemptions

✓ TAC increases
LO negative incentives

- Sanctions delayed
- No monitoring
- No reporting
- No discards landed
that illegal and unrecorded discarding is widespread
Every year TACs were increased by 36%

but in 2019-2020 by 40-50%
Why is it a problem?

In theory

Landings + Discards

TOTAL 100%

In reality

Illegal discards + Landings + Discards

TOTAL 100% + ?%
incremental increase in LO exemptions

All TACs under some kind of exemption!
Why is it important?

• Overfishing in Europe decreased but has stabilized in recent years

• But it can increase again!

• The basis for scientific advice may be incorrect
Conclusion

Implosion of the EU TAC system!!!
What to do next?

At-Sea Monitoring & Control!
Questions?

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