



EU Fisheries Policies reviewed: “Recognizing the socio-economic importance of Recreational Fisheries”

Chaired by MEP André Rodrigues

(coordinator of the S&D Group in the PECH Committee)

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18:30-20:00

European Parliament, Brussels

Room - Altiero Spinelli 3H1

DRAFT AGENDA

18:30 - Introduction

Welcome words by **MEP Sofie Eriksson**, co-Chair of the Forum on Recreational Fisheries and Aquatic Environment

Opening speech by **MEP André Rodrigues**, Member & Coordinator for the Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats (S&D) in the PECH Committee

18:45 - Presentations

The need of recognition of the EU Recreational Fisheries sector as a full stakeholder in future EU fisheries policies by **David Vertegaal**, EAA board member

Political recognition of Recreational fisheries – the UK example by **Hannah Rudd**, EAA member & Angling Trust Marine Policy & Research manager

19:00 - Roundtable discussion in presence of:

Gerard Bakkenes, President European Fishing & Tackle Trade Association (EFTTA)

Mark Owen, Chair European Anglers Alliance (EAA)

Glenn Douglas, BSAC Vice-Chair, Sportfiskarna

Member(s) of the European Parliament (tbc)

Representatives DG MARE (tbc)

Presidency of the Council of the EU (tbc)

Other interested fisheries stakeholders

19:45: Wrap up and Conclusions

Concluding remarks by **MEP Rasmus Nordqvist**, Member of the PECH Committee for the Group of the Greens/EFA

