

The Economics of a discard ban policy: Aspects of implementing the EU discard ban

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Abstract

By 2015 The European Common Fisheries Policy Reform includes a discard ban (landing obligation) in some fisheries and over the next few years all EU fisheries will be facing the discard ban restriction. This is one of the most significant changes of the Common Fishery Policy since 1983. In spite of that, there is a lack of theoretical as well as empirical analyses of the consequences of a discard ban policy. The paper includes the microeconomic foundation for analyzing the impact of a discard ban and some preliminary empirical analyzes primarily related to the Danish fishery.

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