

UK Seafood Industry Dialogue and Statement

Discard Action Group

13th February 2018

Background

- Full implementation of Landings Obligation in 2019
- Principles of LO as part of future UK fisheries legislation
- No change in public opinion in respect to discarding
- Effective implementation essential in delivering sustainable performance
- Seafood industry requirement to demonstrate legal and responsible practice in supply chains



Industry Statement

- Call for effective implementation of current and future legislation including full documentation of fisheries and verification of compliance
- Recognition of challenges and need to find workable solutions
- Commitment in the group to supporting development of measures to deliver solutions and provide visibility and assurance
 - Increased selectivity, choke solutions, cost effective monitoring and reporting, quota access



Activities

- Press release relating to statement planned in February (date tbc)
- Ministerial meetings being planned to raise awareness of asks and develop solutions based dialogue
- Initial communication with UK Fisheries Minister in 2017

Signatories

