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How many new selective gears portrayed at DAG have made it into commercial usage?

Very few unless introduced into legislation.





Skippers comments

- No reason to alter gear as we are no getting many discards.
- Why change, nobody is monitoring our discards
- Why should we change our gear others are not.
- Wait and see what happens in 2019.
- Won't have to change with Brexit.



Other reasons

- Peer Pressure.
- Alterations to the 'balance' of the gear.
- Why change now when we don't know what will happen in 2019.
- Cost of selective gears
- Loss of marketable species.
- Very little incentive to use selective gear



Legislation

Legislation can be a major disincentive.



Selective gears

- Lack of knowledge of what is available to use legally.
- Lack of enthusiasm from gear makers to make different gear.
- Lack of knowledge on what selective gears are suitable for their fishery.
- Sources of information on selective gears.



Sources of information on selective gears

 Seafish Gear database http://www.seafish.org/geardb/ Home Fishing Gear Glossary Search FAQ Contact Us

Homepage

Welcome to the Seafish Gear Database. The Seafish Gear Database contains information on a wide range of fishing gears used in commercial fisheries in the UK and BU including the selectivity and discard reduction options that can be used with them.

It also gives access to a vast range of the scientific and technical reports on trials that have been undertaken involving fishing gears, selective devices and discard reduction practices.

 Gearing up website https://gearingup.eu/



 Discardless website http://www.discardless.eu/







Loss of marketable species.

The big concern!

- Reduction in vessel earnings
- Reduction in crew wages
- Reduction in returns to shareholders.

Thank You

