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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.



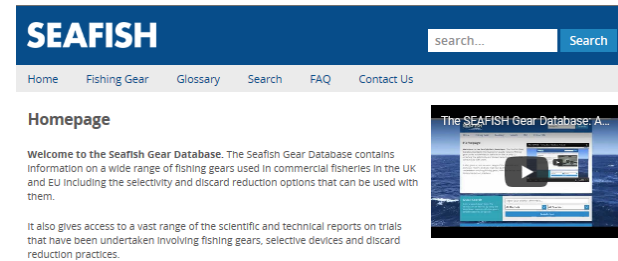
Selective gears

- 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/>



- 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