

**Question for written answer E-006314/2014  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Article on the Maritime Affairs and Fisheries Commissioner's blog

A few days ago, the Maritime Affairs and Fisheries Commissioner, Maria Damanaki, published an article on her blog entitled 'POCKET GUIDE TO YOUR BEACH HOLIDAYS' (<http://blogs.ec.europa.eu/damanaki/pocket-guide-to-your-beach-holidays/>). In that article, the Commissioner published a series of recommendations on what fish to eat this summer.

One of those recommendations is the advice not to eat fish caught using drift nets and trawl nets. As the Commissioner is well aware, the use of these techniques is legal in the European Union.

The advice given by the Commissioner is harming those parts of the EU fishing industry that rely on trawling. The fishermen who are being adversely affected by this recommendation include the Barcelona fishermen's association 'Cofradía de Pescadores de Barcelona', which publicly expressed its unease following the article's publication.

How can the Fisheries Commissioner issue a recommendation advising against something that has been approved by the very Commission of which she is a Member?

What steps will the Commission take to protect those parts of the EU fishing industry that use drift nets or trawl nets?