

**Question for written answer E-009809/2014  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Bluefin tuna quota

Fishermen's groups in Catalonia have expressed concern at the fact that the bluefin tuna quota has been increased by 2 700 tonnes, with the final figure for 2015 being set at 16 142 tonnes. Producers had been calling for an increase of 5 000 tonnes for 2015, taking account of the favourable scientific advice from the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas. This situation in Europe contrasts with the state of the stock in other uncontrolled fishing grounds such as North American waters.

The 20% increase in the total allowable catch is inadequate and will not guarantee the social sustainability that should govern the European Union's actions with regard to fishing, on an equal footing with environmental sustainability.

1. Is the Commission considering expanding the quota in line with the calls made by Catalan fisherman?
2. What steps will the Commission take to protect bluefin tuna stocks and guarantee their medium-term recovery?
3. What is the Commission's view of the remarks made by environmental organisations, which believe the decision made to be mistaken?