

**Question for written answer E-011384/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: TAC uplift

According to the Commission's communication on fishing opportunities for 2016 (COM(2015)0239 final), adjustments to Total Allowable Catches (TACs) due to the change from landing to catch limits must not increase fishing mortality and must be compatible with the overriding objectives laid down in Article 2(2) of the Common Fisheries Policy.

Bearing in mind that:

- some stocks might only be partially covered by the landing obligation;
- the continuing uncertainty surrounding full documentation and monitoring of all catches; and
- lack of clarity on total fishing mortality in many fisheries;

how will the Commission ensure that fishing mortality will not increase?