

**Question for written answer E-000931/2016
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Preliminary draft law on aquaculture - Galicia (Spain)

The Galician Regional Government's preliminary draft law on aquaculture has triggered concern and growing opposition across the region among members of the public and those who earn their living from the sea.

One of the clauses which have come in for criticism foresees the possibility of compulsory purchases in the interests of intensive aquaculture undertakings, the possibility of scrapping the need for environmental impact assessments, the possibility of setting up aquaculture operations in protected natural areas and possible authorisation for farming foreign or exotic species which might be invasive to the local natural environment.

Among the potentially adverse effects of this preliminary draft act becoming law as it stands are river and marine pollution and the quality of drinking water, which could have an impact through the toxins PSP, ASP y DSP and necessitate suspension or prohibition of fisheries and/or shellfishing activities.

Is the Commission aware of this preliminary draft law?

Does it consider it to comply with EU environmental legislation and with the reform of the common fisheries policy?

Does it feel it fosters the sustainability of fisheries activities and conservation of the marine environment?