

**Question for written answer E-003233/2017  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Fishing quota monopolies

In recent years quotas have become heavily concentrated within the fishing industry, leading to a few very powerful players taking over. In some places, major fishing operations have a near-monopoly, in which they have a large quota allocation to the detriment of many small-scale operations and smaller ports.

As a result, a number of local communities have lost jobs in the offshore fishing industries, which would not have been the case if quotas been distributed more evenly. The situation is seriously harmful to the outermost regions, where primary industries are more important than elsewhere.

Does the Commission agree that the imbalance in fishing quotas is an issue?

Will the Commission act to bring about change or compensate ports where fishing has disappeared altogether?

Will the Commission impose a ceiling on quotas allocated to each fishing operation?