

**Question for written answer P-012923/2015  
to the Commission**

Rule 130

**Liadh Ní Riada (GUE/NGL)**

Subject: Ireland and tuna fisheries

What is the justification for Ireland not receiving any appropriate tuna quota, given that according to recent official EU statistics the TAC is at 15 821 tonnes and tuna is being exploited at a rate that is consistent with producing the highest catch from the stock in the long term?

Is there any record of, or any progress on, any request from the Irish Government for tuna quotas, particularly in relation to FAO sub-areas and divisions off Ireland, and can the Commission provide the details of such a request and of any progress or response?

If a Member State is not allocated a quota for a species (tuna in this context), can a 'Catch & Release' programme to promote a conservational, sustainable and recreational tourist angling industry be facilitated nonetheless?

What restrictions do landing obligations have, if any, on the practice of 'Catch & Release'?