



# Implementation art 15 CFP -state of play early 2017-

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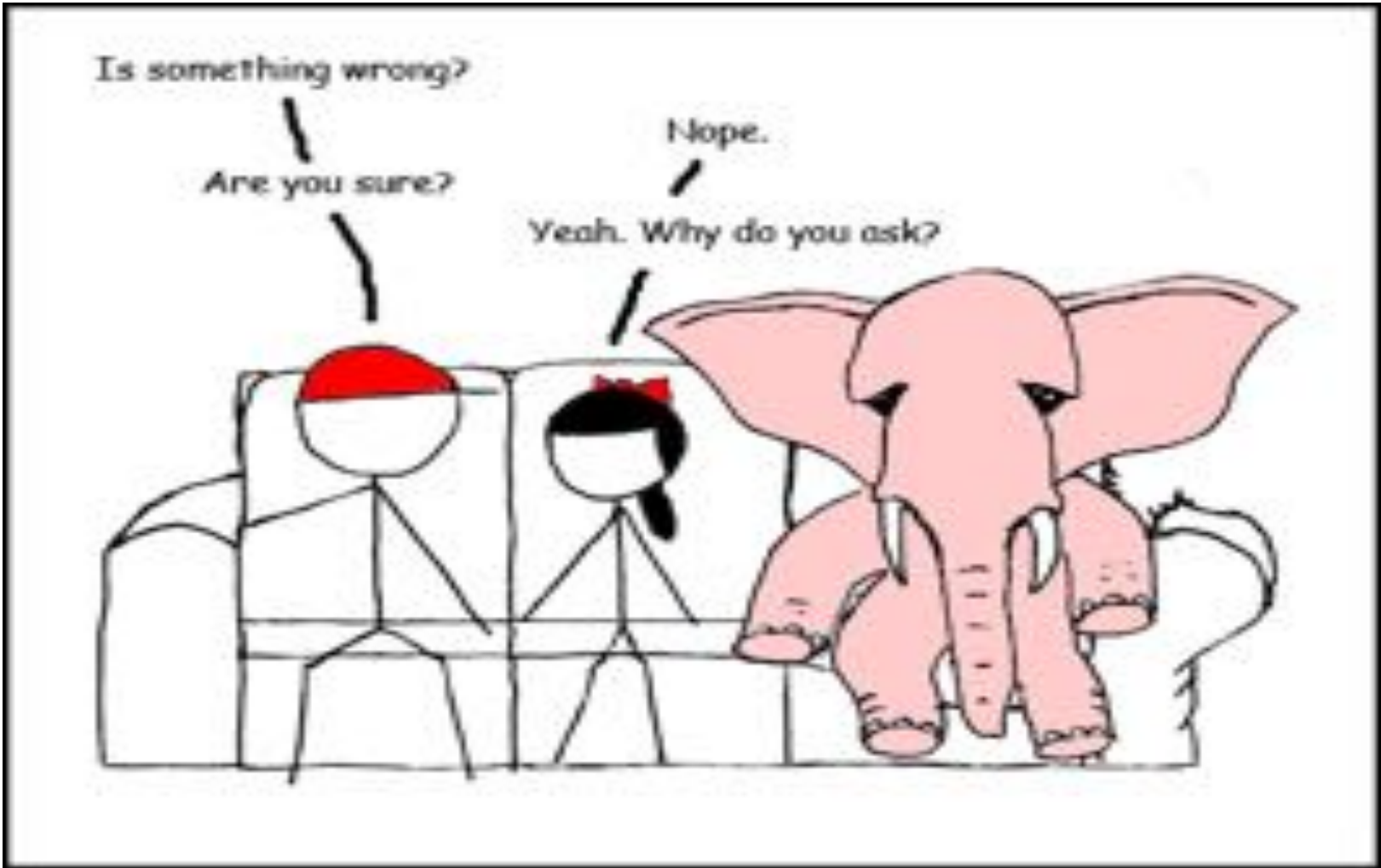
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# Adaptive Management

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# BREXIT

# 2019

# This is not explaining article 15



# The road to 2019: quiet and clear



# Which route to take towards 2019



# New Clothes for the Emperor Revisited





We need to stop

KEEPING UP  
A APPEARANCES



But how to develop



A CUNNING PLAN

I have one

# Variety in vessel types and sizes

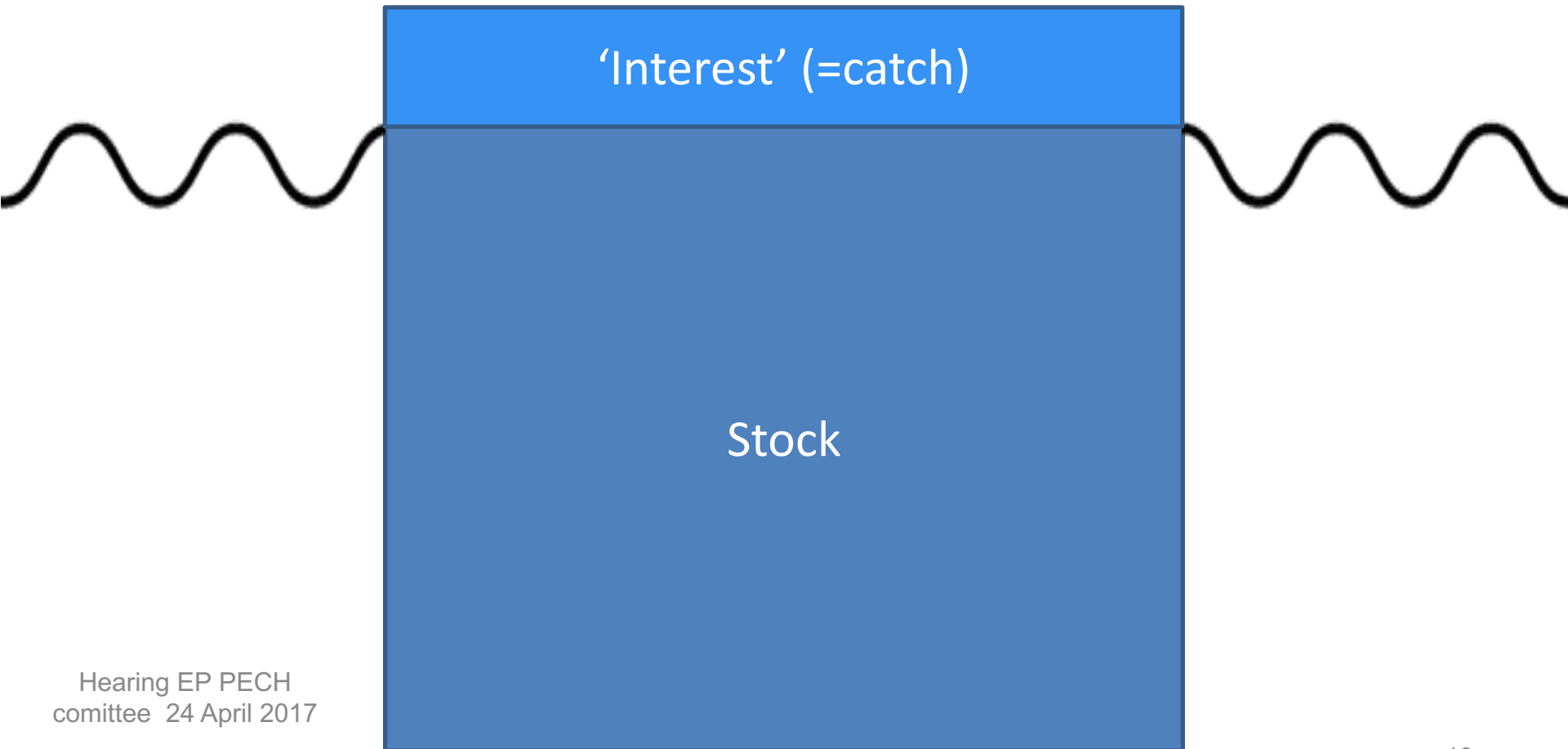




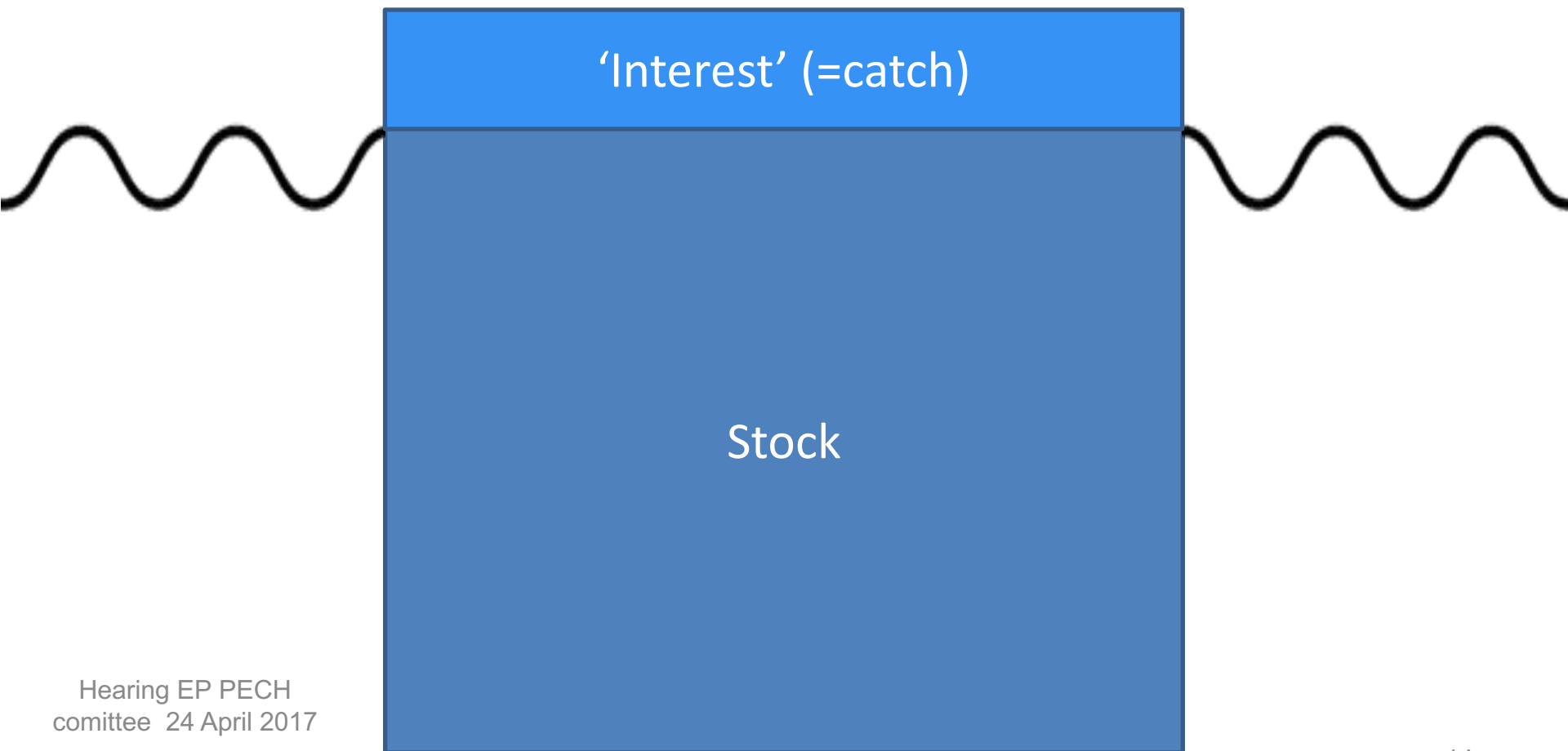
# Remember we deal with fishermen, their families and their communities



# Fisheries Managed to Maximise Sustainable Yield



# This Landing Obligation is NOT a tool in the European MSY Fisheries Management Toolkit



# Stocks are above $B_{pa}$

this is a pre-requisite



# Purpose of the landing obligation

- Increase selectivity
  - Gear technology
  - Move on / Real Time Closures
- The obvious problem
  - Can inevitable discarding be accepted by society
  - How to manage mixed fisheries



# Sole and other Flats : Rizla vs Cardboard



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# The Sole and other Flats dilemma

- To catch Sole mesh size < **80mm**
- Escape other Flats mesh **size > 120 mm**



# Resulting in mixed catches

per haul    per trip    per location    per season



# Our grossings from the mix

<b>Example from North West Holland Region</b>				
<b><u>Species</u></b>	<b><u>Kilo</u></b>	<b><u>Perc</u></b>	<b><u>Value</u></b>	<b><u>Perc</u></b>
Sole	1.225.000	<b>21,3%</b>	11.870.000	<b>58,5%</b>
Plaice	3.710.000	<b>64,5%</b>	4.700.000	<b>23,2%</b>
<b>Turbot-Brill</b>	296.000	<b>5,1%</b>	2.875.000	<b>14,2%</b>
Cod	41.000	<b>0,7%</b>	121.000	<b>0,6%</b>
<b>Dab</b>	138.000	<b>2,4%</b>	100.000	<b>0,5%</b>
<b>Others</b>	342.000	<b>5,9%</b>	615.000	<b>3,0%</b>
<b>Potential choke species</b>				

# Re-think the phasing in process

- A Big Bang in 2019 can no longer be avoided:
  - a deadly blow to our flatfish fisheries
  - choking fisheries closure in april-june 2019
- European Parliament recent message
  - Control delay only
  - No solution for the underlying problems

# Re-think the phasing in process

- Discarding is not a criminal act in itself
  - Nor is breeding chicken or goats
  - Do not ask for the impossible
    - Make it workable or buy a supplychain out!

# How to continue?

- By gathering in depth data
  - Joint science/industry programmes
- By steering north Sea plan far away from Baltic plan

# How to continue?

- By adapting the time schedule
  - Leaving basic principles for art 15 intact
- Change implementation schedule
  - Incentivise avoidance via a new timeline
  - encourage innovation via this new timeline
  - stimulate selectivity via a realistic timeline



# Adaptive management

- Adapt the regime -1-
  - aim for real **mixed** fisheries plans (56 species in the mix)
    - discards are inevitable and no crime
    - no single species plans “connected via a treasury tag”
    - be bold and act on <100 % certainty
    - get real fishers on board as ambassadors

# Adaptive management

- Adapt the regime -2-
  - Incentivise
    - Safe biological limits as a pre-requisite
    - Improve survival
      - Combined with responsible survival exemptions
    - North Sea Wide applied gear technology
      - Pre and post Brexit include Norway
    - Out of the box innovation
      - Pre and post Brexit include Norway

# To conclude

- There are plenty of ideas
- There is not enough time until 2019
- Therefore the question

Are we able and willing to develop



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a Discardsban which is

**Doable Compliant Enforceable**

**Just in time is almost Just too late**



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