



Committee on Fisheries

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The importance of fisheries and aquaculture for rural areas

- 14.30-14.35 **Mr Pierre Karleskind**, PECH Chair - welcome and opening address
- 14.35-14.45 **Mr José Basilio Otero Rodríguez**, President of the *Federación Nacional de Cofradías de Pescadores de España (FNCP)*, Madrid:
“The need for fisheries and aquaculture in rural areas”
- 14.45-14.55 **Ms Sónia Batista**, Researcher, PhD, Polytechnic Institute of Viana do Castelo (IPVC) Portugal:
“Local and aquaculture resources and its importance to the rural area”
- 14.55-15.05 **Mr Primitivo Pedrosa**, fisherman of Carnota (A Coruña), member of the LIFE platform (Low Impact Fishers of Europe, uniting small-scale fishers):
“Small-scale fishers and their importance for social development in isolated Galician regions”
- 15.05-15.15 **Mr Nathanael Middelkoop**, vice-chair of the *Bestuurlijk Platform Visserij* (administrative platform on Fisheries), and Alderman in the Dutch municipality of Urk:
“The social-economic value of fishing communities”
- 15.15-16.15 Questions and answers
- 16.15-16.25 Floor to DG MARE, European Commission
- 16.25-16.30 Wrap-up and conclusions by **Isabel Carvalhais**, MEP, PECH Committee