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to the Commission

Subject: Recreational fisheries and tourism statistics

The Commission and Council are aware that there is a need to improve the common statistical base on tourism. A common platform of know-how is a precondition for benchmarking, for change of views, for learning and for addressing strategic problems in the tourism sector. Also that there is a need to develop statistically valid and comparable data on tourism. A common goal is to initiate the implementation of national Tourism Satellite Accounts (TSA) in the Member States. Recreational fisheries (angling tourism) are a significant part of the European tourism sector.

Will the Commission make sure that recreational fisheries are measured and their figures mentioned in their own right within the overall frame for tourism statistics?