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to the Commission**

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Subject: Fleet capacity

In the 1990s, the Commission ordered two reviews of the capacity of the EU fleets, the Gulland report of 1990 and the Lassen report of 1996. Both reports showed significant excess capacity in most fleet segments. These reports are now out of date. Most authorities, including representatives of the Commission, state that there is still excess capacity which needs to be reduced. Proper evaluation of the scale of any fleet reductions, however, needs a detailed analysis of both existing fleet capacity (including their absolute size in tonnes and kilowatts) and their profile (individual vessel size, gear configuration, etc.), as well as the size of the resources available to be fished.

Has the Commission received any more recent evaluations of the capacity of the EU fleets, or of the fleets of a Member State? If so, could the Commission please provide such reports or references to them?

Given that we are now in a period of CFP reform, does the Commission intend to conduct any kind of analysis of the total EU fleet? An analysis of the total fleet, as opposed to only certain segments, is necessary in order to evaluate the extent to which fleets must be reduced both in terms of overall size and in terms of fleet profile.