

**Question for written answer E-000495/2011
to the Commission**
Rule 117
Alan Kelly (S&D)

Subject: Common fisheries policy and fish discards

In relation to the common fisheries policy and fish discards:

1. Does the Commission have any plans to incentivise the use of net types that minimise the level of discards in the near future or as part of the new policy framework in 2012?
2. Can the Commission outline what the next step is? What initiatives or measures, if any, is the Commission contemplating in order to properly tackle the issue of dead fish being thrown back into the sea?
3. Is the Commission still pursuing a progressive discard ban as proposed in COM (2007)136?