

**Question for written answer E-001152/2014
to the Commission**

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Subject: Support for tuna traps from the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund

At its plenary sitting on 23 October 2013, Parliament approved the definition of a tuna trap as a 'traditional extractive fishing technique based on fixed nets anchored to the bottom for several months, which consists of a group of vessels, nets, fishing wires and anchors located near the coastline to intercept migratory fisheries (tuna and tunalike species) and lead them to an enclosed area where they are extracted' in the proposal for a regulation on the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF).

After the last technical meeting of the trialogue, the Legal Services decided that this definition was unnecessary since it is already included in Article 4 of the Reform of the Common Fisheries Policy.

That being the case, we would like to ask the Commission for an assurance that even if the definition of tuna trap is not specifically included in the EMFF regulation, this fishing technique will be eligible for all possible EMFF subsidies under the same conditions as other fishing techniques.