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Subject: EU eco-label for fishery and aquaculture products

The common fisheries policy (CFP) should ensure that fishing and aquaculture activities contribute to
long-term environmental, economic, and social sustainability.

There are a number of eco-labels which are concentrated on a few EU markets and products.
Compared globally with other sectors, eco-labels for fishery and aquaculture products have no
particular stand-out characteristics.

On 18 May 2016 the Commission submitted a report to Parliament and the Council on options for
awarding eco-labels for fishery and aquaculture products. Based on a study analysing existing eco-
labels and a public consultation, the Commission put forward three options for measures which might
be taken. One suggestion was the introduction of an EU-wide system for awarding eco-labels for
fishery and aquaculture products. The Commission did not follow up any of the options.

(1) Is the idea of an EU eco-label for fishery and aquaculture products being followed up?
(2) Will this be the subject of a specific legislative proposal?
(3) If not, what alternatives are being explored?