

**Question for written answer E-004789/2020
to the Commission**

Rule 138

Clare Daly (GUE/NGL), **Mick Wallace** (GUE/NGL)

Subject: The elimination of tariffs on lobster imports from the US

On 21 August it was announced that tariffs on imports of live and frozen lobster products from the US are to be eliminated. There is a real risk of a serious impact on island and coastal communities across Europe if, as is likely, this deal results in a collapse in the prices of European lobster. It is a double blow for these communities in the context of the effects of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and the uncertainty around Brexit. This decision has the potential to destroy what is left of the small-scale inshore and island fleets and the communities that depend on them.

Given this, will the Commission take urgent steps to revoke this decision and protect small-scale inshore and island fleets across Europe?