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to the Commission**

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Subject: Recreational fishing and the CFP reform

Coastal communities have been hit hard by the decline in the fisheries sector. In response, fishing communities have diversified into areas such as 'pescaturismo' (recreational fishing), which promotes tourism and creates or safeguards jobs. While not all forms of recreational fishing are sustainable, some are.

Does the Commission believe that such diversification is in line with the Europe 2020 strategy and the Rio+20 objectives?

Can such recreational fishing activities be integrated into the CFP reform proposals presented by the Commissioner on 13 July 2011?

Would the Commission support funding for activities such as recreational fishing and water-related activities under the European Fisheries Fund and/or the Cohesion Fund?

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