

WRITTEN QUESTION P-3063/04
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to the Commission

Subject: Norwegian boycott of herring landings in Denmark

Danish and Norwegian media report that Norwegian fishermen have boycotted landings in Denmark (in the EU as a whole) of Norwegian spring-spawning herring. The Norwegians argue that they are exerting pressure on the EU to allocate Norway higher quotas in the negotiations between the EU and Norway on next year's quotas of Norwegian spring-spawning herring.

Will the Commissioner responsible for fisheries say whether he will guarantee that the Norwegian boycott of herring landings in Denmark will not influence quota negotiations between the EU and Norway? Will the Commissioner also guarantee that Norway does not gain any other advantage from organising a boycott of landings in Denmark?