

**Question for written answer P-003063/2014  
to the Commission  
Rule 117  
Jens Rohde (ALDE)**

Subject: Fisheries negotiations between the EU and Norway

On Wednesday, 12 March 2014 the Commission and Norway concluded an agreement on the sharing of fisheries quotas in their common waters.

During the period from 1 January 2014 until the conclusion of the agreement the Norwegian authorities maintained a ban by EU vessels on fishing in the Norwegian parts of the North Sea and Skagerrak.

Does the Commission consider that it is in accordance with normal practice and existing EU-Norway fisheries agreements for the Norwegian authorities to be able to close Norwegian waters to EU fishing vessels as it has done this year?

What does the Commission propose to do to avoid a similar situation during future fisheries negotiations with Norway?

Does the Commission consider it reasonable for the EU to pay compensation to fishermen from EU Member States who have suffered losses as a result of a fishing ban in Norwegian waters?