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Replies to the questionnaire on WINDFARMS

1. Are fishermen/representatives consulted on sensitive fishing areas prior to wind farm site selection?		
Organisation	Yes/No	Remarks
Danish Fishermen's Association	No	In April 2007, The Danish Energy Agency published a book that pointed out useful areas which in the future could be possible wind farm locations. This was without consulting representatives for the fishermen.

2. Are fishermen/representatives in your country able to influence wind farm locations?		
Organisation	Yes/No	Remarks
Danish Fishermen's Association	Yes	Several times it has been possible to move the precise location of a future wind farm. Not where the farm will be built, but more to move it a couple of kilometres to one or another side. Also the overall structure of the park; like how the wind turbines are placed in regard to each other has been possible to influence very early in the construction process, so important fishing grounds was not "covered" with wind turbines.

3. Do fishermen receive any form of payment for the surrender of traditional fishing grounds whether temporarily or permanent?		
Organisation	Yes/No	Remarks
Danish Fishermen's Association	Yes	In the Danish Fishery Law, the Danish fishermen have the possibility of negotiating compensations if any activities or structure is preventing him from carrying out his legal fishing. This compensation is

		negotiated from time to time and the size of the compensation is dependent on how much fishing there have been in the area before the wind farm was constructed.
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If so, do they receive any assistance in retraining to maintain their livelihood?

Organisation	Answer
Danish Fishermen's Association	NO

If so, how is this retraining funded?

Organisation	Answer
Danish Fishermen's Association	

4. Do fishermen receive financial support for any loss or reduced earnings as a result of displacement whilst wind farm is being constructed/?

Organisation	Yes/No	Remarks
Danish Fishermen's Association	Yes	The construction phase of a wind farm is also accounted for when possible compensation to the fishery is calculated.

5. Are fishermen allowed to fish inside the wind farms when they are operational?

Organisation	Yes/No	Remarks
Danish Fishermen's	Sometimes	In some of the wind farms gillnetting and fishing with traps is allowed. Fishing with trawls being dragged on the bottom is not allowed in any of the Danish wind farm.

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6. Do you feel it is safe to fish within an operational wind farm?

Organisation	Yes/No	Remarks
Danish Fishermen's Association	Yes	The vessels today have very precise navigation tools so it should not be a problem to navigate in a wind farm. However, till today not much fishing has been conducted in the wind farms so we need a longer time period to give the right answer.

7. If yes to 5 & 6 above what type of fishing do you conduct?

Organisation	Yes/No	Remarks
Danish Fishermen's Association		Gillnetting and fishing with traps.

8. Has there been any incidents involving fishing vessels within or around a wind farm?

Organisation	Yes/No	Remarks
Danish Fishermen's Association	No	None known in Denmark

9. Have you suffered any technical difficulties with radio or navigational electronics in close proximity to wind turbines?

Organisation	Yes/No	Remarks
Danish Fishermen's Association	Yes	There have been problems with regard to radar pictures close to and within the wind farms

10. Has there been any noticeable decline or increase in shellfish/fin-fish or any particular species in or around a fish farm ?

If yes, give details.		
Organisation	Yes/No	Remarks
Danish Fishermen's Association	No	There is a need for more scientific research on the effects of wind farms on fish and shellfish stocks.

11. Based upon experiences, what improvements could be made in respect of dealing with the concerns of the fishing industry?		
Organisation	Yes/No	Remarks
Danish Fishermen's Association		<p>The fishery should be consulted as soon as possible to make sure that wind farms are not constructed on the most productive fishing grounds.</p> <p>When a wind farm is going to be built in an area, the fishery should take part in the process were the wind farm is finally placed in the pointed out area.</p> <p>Negotiations about the compensation to the fishery should be in process before the construction of the wind farm has started.</p> <p>Wind farm owners should do their best to fit fishery in and around the parks, so most of the fishing activities going on today can also continue in the future when the wind farm is built.</p>

12. Has any additional non fishing income been generated from a wind farm project for local fishermen?		
Organisation	Yes/No	Remarks
Danish Fishermen's Association	No	Not heard of any.