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# Landing Obligation

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# Today's topics

**1. Scheveningen Group**

**2. Danish experience with the landing obligation**

**3. Future of the landing obligation**





# Scheveningen Group

**Denmark is chairing the Scheveningen Group in 2023**

**High Level Group**

**Technical Group**

**Control Expert Group**

**Fish-Envi Group**





## Work program 2023

- Joint recommendation for all exemptions as the current discard plan expires at the end of 2023
- Amendment to the current discard plan – exemption from the landing obligation on experimental fisheries
- Technical measures
- Control
- Marine protected areas
- Commission's evaluation of CFP
- The EU-post Brexit context
- Any other topic relevant for the group and its members

# Danish observations on the landing obligation

- Close cooperation between stakeholders is important for the implementation of the landing obligation
  - Regional Groups
  - Advisory Councils
  - Commission
  - STECF
- Exemptions will be scrutinised in 2023 – scientific requirements unclear
- Development of “smarter” fisheries necessary
- Scientific research on selectivity must be facilitated
- Examples of process for derogations:
  - Baltic Sea approval of selective gear still in process – 18 months so far
  - Excluder in Norway Pout fisheries approved after a 24 month long process
  - Experimental fisheries not exempted from the landing obligation



# Monitoring the landing obligation

*“For the purpose of monitoring compliance with the landing obligation, Member States shall ensure detailed and accurate documentation of all fishing trips and adequate capacity and means, such as observers, closed-circuit television (CCTV) and others. In doing so, Member States shall respect the principle of efficiency and proportionality”*

- The Basic Regulation, article 15



# Control

- Traditional control measures not sufficient
- REM - Camera surveillance the way forward
- Level playing field

## Incentives:

- More flexible rules (gear types)
- Less traditional control measures (e.g. last haul)



# The Kattegat project

## What is the effect of camera surveillance?

| Species | Discard (in percentage)<br>February 15th – May 2nd, 2021 | Discard (in percentage)<br>May 3rd – July 18th, 2021 |
|---------|--|--|
| Cod     | 6.29 pct.  | 2.28 pct.  |
| Hake    | 26.65 pct.   | 3.07 pct.  |
| Haddock | 7.23 pct.  | 1.49 pct.  |





## **In conclusion**

**Speed up development of selective gears and fishing methods.**

**Fully documented fishery is the best solution for a modern control measure on the landing obligation.**

**Thank you!**

