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Consultation on the reform of the Common Fisheries Policy

The Regional Council for Western Norway at a Council meeting of 1 December unanimously agreed on the following statement on the Green Paper on the Common Fisheries Policies.

Acknowledging that Norway is not a member of the European Union, and that through the EEA Agreement, a number of EU policies and regulations are also relevant for Norway, the Regional Council for Western Norway welcomes the Green Paper on Reform of the Common Fisheries Policies.

The Regional Council of Western Norway would specifically support the proposed actions concerning

- total ban on discharge of by-catches
- stronger reactions against illegal, unregulated and unreported fishing
- adjustment of fleet capacity to resource base
- functional organisation of fisheries management based on the proximity principle
- stronger measures to implement the strategies for management of fish stocks
- regional-based cross-border management of fish stocks
- greater focus on environmental and ecological issues in the fisheries sector
- removal of subsidies
- research- and knowledge-based management of fish resources
- diversification of the fish industry, development of thriving coastal communities, development of complementary industries
- good governance – cooperation between all stakeholders and actors, both private and public, interaction, commitment and joint management.

The Regional Council of Western Norway also calls on the European Union to participate in an international operation to clean the North Sea of waste and other dangerous substances.

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