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EUROPEAN COUNCIL MEETING ON AGRICULTURE & FISHERIES 17-18 DECEMBER 2018:

EAPO CALLS UPON EU MEMBER STATE MINISTERS TO DECIDE ON TACs AND QUOTA 2019 TAKING INTO ACCOUNT ALL CFP OBJECTIVES AND PARTICULARLY THE FINAL PHASE OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LANDING OBLIGATION

In advance of the December Fisheries Council EAPO has sent a position paper with general observations and relevant recommendations for about 25 stocks to the Council Members. As such the association of EU fish producers organisations is calling on the Council of Fisheries Ministers to set the 2019 TACs and quota at levels that enable fishing activities to achieve economic, social and employment benefits, contributing to the food supply and taking into account long term ecologic sustainability.

Pim Visser, President of EAPO, says: *“We are offering constructive suggestions to the Council to take decisions addressing the need for a long term sustainable European fisheries sector. These are based on our concern that only adopting the measures proposed by the Commission will not entirely achieve this.”*

In the position paper sent to the ministers EAPO also highlights that the full implementation of the landing obligation remains a challenge with an unavoidable negative impact on fishery communities. The EU member states’ fisheries ministers are called upon to take decisions leading to appropriate solutions for the risks that sustainable fisheries are prematurely and unnecessarily brought to halt.

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A copy the position paper can be found on www.eapo.com or requested via info@eapo.com .

EAPO represents 39 Producers Organisations from 10 EU Member States, with approximately 10,000 vessels, 3.5 million tonnes of landings and a first sale value of € 3 billion.

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