

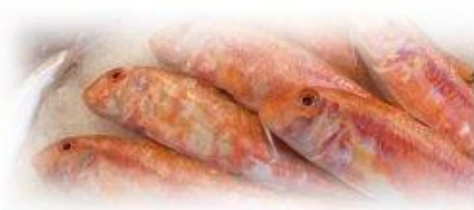
Encadrement de la pêche à la senne en Manche Est

Management measures to limit the seiners activity in 7d

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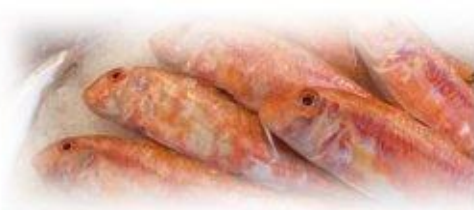
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Background

- **Channel: many high value species not covered by the TAC and quota system: red mullet, squids...**
- **Cohabitation discussions between trawlers and seiners since 2012 with the signature of a good practice Charter and of a « gentleman agreement » with Dutch fishermen at the end of 2013 and the publication of the Ifremer/IMARES study in 2013,**
- **Removal of the effort regime from the cod recovery plan in 2016,**
- **Modification of the capacity ceiling (that included Eastern Channel and North Sea) to a capacity ceiling only for the Eastern Channel, in application of the North Sea management plan in 2018,**
- **Increase of the number of the seiners in 7d and enlargement of their geographical distribution,**



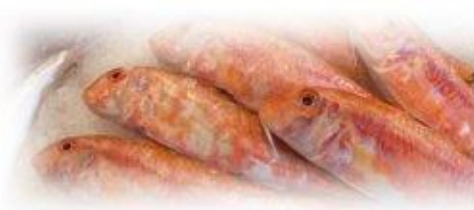
Management of the french fishery since 2019

- **Implementation at the national level of a list of fishing vessels authorized to use seines in 7d in 2019; replaced in 2020 by a licence system**
- **Goals** : to manage seine activity in 7d ; concerns about the sustainability of the resource and spatial cohabitation
- > **Related to french fishing vessels using the gear code** : SDN, SSC, SPR, SX, SV;
- > **Management measures** :
 - Contingent of 28
 - Technical measures: limitation of the size of weighted ropes to 2x3000m new (control tolerance of 15%)
- **At the regional level (Hauts de France 2014, Normandie 2019): ban of vessels >25m and >250UMS in the 12 miles area; in Normandie: ban in 6 miles area and/or 12 miles (where no historical rights exist)**



Management at European level

- **4 Dutch/French Industry meetings in 2018: 13th of June in Paris et 22th of October in Rotterdam (with the Belgium), in 2019 : 13th of November (with MS), in 2020: 13th February**
- **Common will of French/Dutch/Belgium fishermen to manage the seine activity in the Channel (area 7d) at European level using a joint recommandation**
- **A need to Update the IMARES/Ifremer study on seine activity in 7d**



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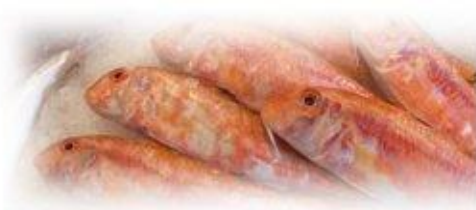
What will be the scope of the joint recommendation? :

- **Seine activity means vessels using on of this gear code: SDN, SSC, SPR, SX, SV;**
- **Management measures to include in a JR consist in** (some details still under discussion)
 - A contingent of vessels by MS limited to current levels,
 - A limitation of the size of weighted rope to 2x3000m
 - A limitation of the weight of weighted rope to 2kg/m and a diameter 50mm
 - An annual maximum days at sea of 240,
 - Limitations of seine fishing in the 12 miles



Management at European level

- **On this background, we propose to produce a NWWAC advice to regional MS group on the management of seine activity in the Channel and the measures that should be introduced in a joint recommandation**
 - ⇒ **Action point of March meeting in Madrid:**
Prepare AC advice to the MSG to look into a Joint Recommendation on management of the fly shoot/seine fishery in area 7d (eastern Channel).
- **A draft has been prepared and will be sent as soon as finalised**
- **In termes of calendar the objective should be to finalise this advice soon (by the end of July?) in order to MS to send the JR to the Commission (to be evaluated in Automn STECF meeting)**
- **WG3 could propose to the Excom a written procedure to validate it**



Thank you for your attention

