

THE CORNISH FISH PRODUCERS' ORGANISATION

SEPTEMBER 18 NEWSLETTER



HERE'S WHAT'S NEW

- CFPO's response to the Government's Fisheries White Paper
- Latest news from the No Fishing Sell Out campaign, the CFPO AGM, Defra visit and the CFPO's presentation to the Cornwall FLAG.

Fisheries White Paper

The CFPO's Response

The CFPO has now submitted its formal response to the Government's Fisheries White Paper: 'Sustainable Fisheries for Future Generations'.

Click [here](#) to view our full response.

The response reflects the collective views of our diverse membership and is clear about our priorities and vision for future management of UK fisheries in the post Brexit era.

What next?

This Autumn looks to be one of the most critical periods for the fishing industry in recent history.

Now the formal White Paper consultation has ended we will be looking to make sure our concerns and priorities are acknowledged and understood by Ministers, MPs, and officials at both DEFRA and DexEU. In the coming months, we will be working to hold the Government to account and will be continuing to apply pressure to ensure fishing remains a UK priority throughout the Brexit negotiations.

The preparation, discussions and strategising for the important December Fisheries Council, where TACs and quotas for 2019 will be agreed, have already begun and will continue in earnest right up to and throughout the Fisheries Council meeting on the 13th and 14th December.

As well as Brexit and December Council, the CFPO will continue its work on the challenges presented by full implementation of the Landing Obligation from 1 January 2019, as well as a host of other issues that might impact your business such as bass management, gear conflict incidents, shellfish management and fishing industry reputation (both public and political).

In these uncertain times, one thing remains a constant: the CFPO is your organisation and your views, comments and opinions are essential as we move forward. We will continue to need your valued input and we encourage you to get in touch by either coming into the office, by post, phone, email, Facebook

LATEST UPDATES

New CFPO Facebook page

The CFPO is now on Facebook! 'Like' our page for regular and relevant industry news, excellent local and seasonal fish recipes and photos, videos and stories direct from our diverse and sustainable Cornish fleet.

www.facebook.com/cornishfpo/

or text. Please do not hesitate to get in contact and tell us what you think and what direction you feel the CFPO should be taking.

We will be providing updates on progress on all these issues in our next newsletter in December.

Paul

No Fishing Sell Out

Thank you to all our members who have taken part in the No Fishing Sell Out campaign. It has been great to see so many flags and stickers displayed on members' vessels around the coast over the past few months. The message was not missed by DEFRA officials during their recent visit to Cornwall (see more below).



If you have pictures of your vessel, crew, or harbour-side buildings flying the No Fishing Sell Out campaign flag please do send them into paul@cfpo.org.uk or to our new Facebook page: www.facebook.com/cornishfpo/ - launched in August. (If you haven't visited it yet please take a look and give it a 'like'.)

More flags and stickers are available in the CFPO offices and can be picked up at any time.

CFPO's AGM

As well as the CFPO's White Paper submission, we have been continuing our conversations with DEFRA both in London and here on the quay in Cornwall to underline and reinforce our clear message that there must be No Fishing Sell Out when it comes to Brexit.



Early August saw a team of senior DEFRA officials, headed by Nigel Gooding (Deputy Director, EU & International Fisheries) and Anne Freeman (Deputy Director, Domestic Fisheries & Reform) come down to Cornwall.

The visit coincided with our Annual General Meeting which was held in Newlyn on 13 August 2018, where Brexit was once more the focus. Members were able to direct questions about the White Paper and the UK's Brexit fisheries negotiating strategy and voice their wider concerns about fishing. There was an open and robust exchange of views and the DEFRA team appreciated the positive and direct contributions from CFPO members and agreed to take on board and follow up on the issues raised. They made it clear they remained committed to the sustainable and profitable long-term future of the fishing industry and, as always, welcomed and valued the ongoing input from the CFPO on a range of subjects, not just Brexit.

Defra visit

We took the opportunity to show DEFRA around Newquay and Mevagissey harbours, as well as Newlyn, illustrating the importance and diversity of fishing around Cornwall.

Members in the ports had the chance to talk directly with Nigel Gooding and his team about their hopes and concerns for the future when it comes to Brexit, fishing opportunities, access & control of UK waters and access to important markets.



Our tour also took in The Real Cornish Crab Company's factory at Long Rock and the Falfish factory at Redruth, showing the wider importance of fishing in terms of employment opportunities and food production in the region.



Ensuring a full understanding of the importance of fishing to Cornwall (and the UK) in its broadest terms and a continual underlining of that message to Ministers, MPs and officials at both DEFRA and DexEU, will continue to be vital as Brexit negotiations continue.

Presentation to the Cornwall FLAG on the importance of communication and marketing

On the 21st August, our communications partner, Mindfully Wired Communications, presented at the Cornwall FLAG board meeting. The aim of the presentation was to outline why the CFPO values good communication and to highlight what we've been working on with MWC over the past year. If you would like to see the presentation head over to our website – www.cfpo.org.uk/announcements
