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### **SOUTH WEST MEP CHICHESTER WILL MEET WITH SEA ANGLING ASSOCIATION OFFICIALS TO SUPPORT THEIR FIGHT AGAINST PROPOSED EU LEGISLATION ON RECREATIONAL FISHING QUOTAS BUCKFAST, SOUTH DEVON ON 23 JANUARY**

A proposed EU regulation that would bring recreational fishermen under the direct control of the Common Fisheries Policy will be fought tooth and nail by Conservative MEPs.

**Giles Chichester, South West Conservative MEP, will be meeting with Richard Ferré, the Director for Sea Angling of the newly formed Angling Trust and Chairman of the National Federation of Sea Anglers, to discuss the effects of this proposed EU legislation on the South West economy. The meeting will be held on Friday 23 January at 11.00 am in the Abbey Inn overlooking the River Dart at Buckfast, South Devon.**

The commission has proposed a regulation that aims to ensure countries comply with the Common Fisheries Policy. Article 47 of the regulation would require recreational fishermen to register their boats, and whatever they catch would be counted against the fisheries quota for that country. Each country will also be required to allocate what share of its quota for each fish species will be available for commercial and recreational fisheries use.

The proposal is expected to begin its passage through the European Parliament later this month, with a final vote expected in April. Conservatives will be submitting amendments removing recreational fishing from the regulation.

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