

LABOUR CANDIDATE WELCOMES EU INTERVENTION

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Labours Banffshire and Buchan Holyrood candidate Alan Duffill has expressed the hope that an Eu Meeting will move to impose sanctions on Icelandic Boats preventing them from landing Mackerel at EU Ports

Alan Duffill commented:-

“Mackerel is a valuable stock to the Scottish Fleet and Iceland unilaterally has decided to up the level of Mackerel it catches from 130 000 tonnes last year to in excess of 146 000 tonnes this year. It was a species that until recently the Icelandic fleet didnt even fish but its worth upwards of £120 million to the Scottish economy and has been managed sustainably by the Scottish fleet.

It's worrying both for this species and the Scottish fleet that the Icelandic fishermen seem intent on ratcheting up the quantity of mackerel they catch without reference to the broader international community. I am glad the EU intend to block the landing of mackerel by the Icelandic fleet at European Union Ports”

Notes

An EU meeting is set to decide whether to apply sanctions preventing Icelandic fishermen landing mackerel at EU ports unless Iceland reduces its catch of the fish