<u>Decision: Clarification on fishing</u> restrictions for Bass in 2018

Following the recent announcement about fishing opportunities agreed at this year's December Council the Marine Management Organisation (MMO) can confirm that Council Regulation (EU) 2017/127 will remain in place until the new regulation is published in the Official Journal of the European Union in January.

As such, all current control measures, including the specific restrictions on fishing for Seabass, currently remain in force.

We will be publishing further guidance soon with information on what the council outcome will mean for both commercial fishermen and recreational anglers in 2018 and our plans for regulation of this.