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Brexit & the Fisheries Bill: Change, Opportunities and Threats

Key Messages

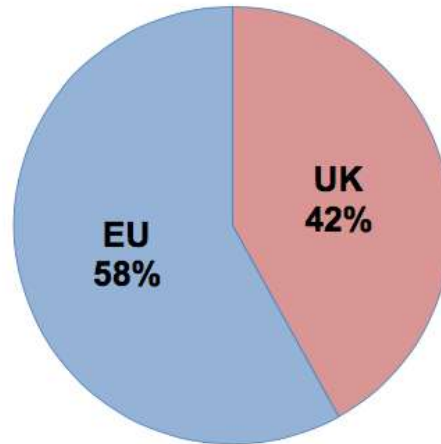
- The opportunity – Significant and deliverable
- The path of delivery – Clear and defined
- Managing the international – Understood and accepted
- Managing the Internal – Obvious and inclusive
- The vision – Secure ecosystem and profitable seafood sector

Sea of Opportunity

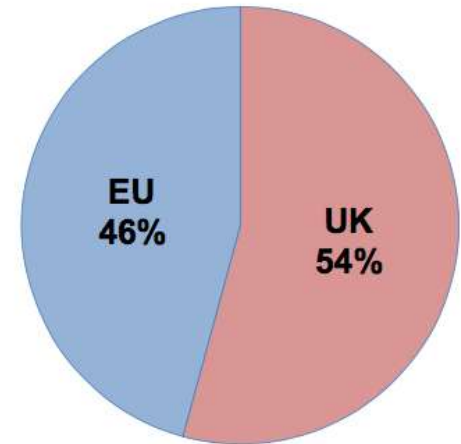
All Fish & Shellfish	Weight ('000 t.)	Value (£ m)
UK Boats	585.0 42%	£814.7 54%
EU Boats	809.9 58%	£687.4 46%
TOTAL	1,394.9	£1,502.1

United Kingdom EEZ

Weight



Value



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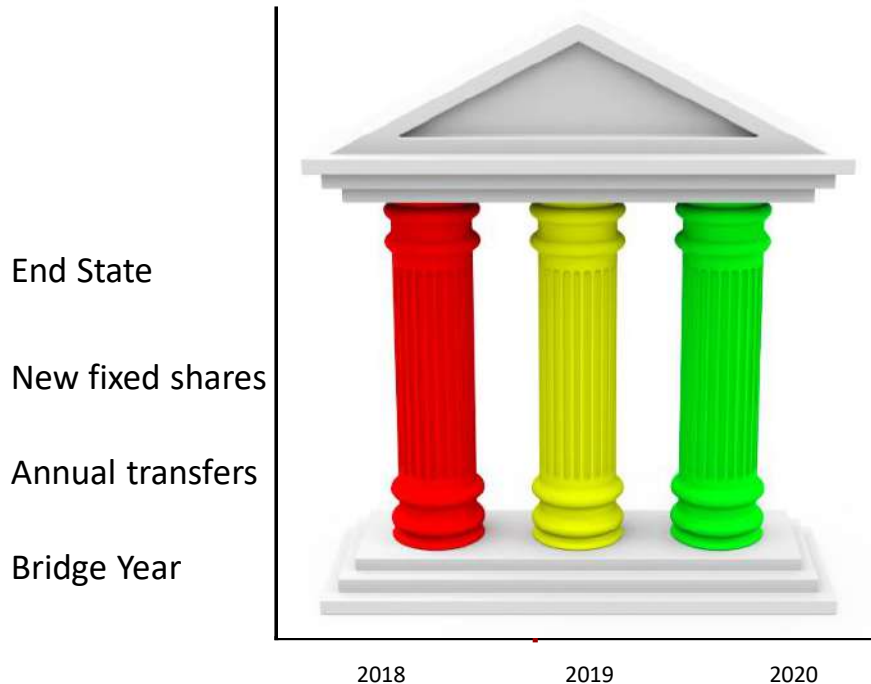


Sea of Opportunity

Region	Species	UK quota (% TAC)	Average percentage in UK EEZ (%) over 5 years	Difference from average
North Sea	Herring (mature)	15	88	-73
	Hake	18	60	-42
	Saithe	8	46	-38
	Cod	39	60	-21
	Whiting	62	79	-17
	Haddock	65	80	-15
	Anglerfish	73	61	12
	Herring (immature)	-	10	
West of Scotland	Hake	18	79	-61
	Saithe	46	84	-38
	Cod	60	93	-33
	Herring	60	87	-27
	Whiting	57	83	-26
	Haddock	76	87	-11
	Anglerfish VIa & VIb	31	68	-37
Other	Mackerel	23	36	-13
	Rockall Haddock	78	56	22

Comparison of the UK's quota allocation (%TAC) of stocks of importance to Scotland with the estimated spatial percentage, expressed as the average percentage of the stock in UK waters over 5 years.

Path Of Delivery



- ❖ Implementation guidelines - The EU acknowledge that fisheries is different from every other business area – a special case
- ❖ Demonstrable win on Brexit
- ❖ Even remainers agree
- ❖ Avoids two years of hardship for the sector
negotiations but play no part in the negotiations – not a member of the club

Managing the International



- Competency of UK Gov
- Clear guidelines with supporting MOU
- Prior agreement of key priorities
- Inclusion of industry leaders

Managing the Internal

- ❖ Minimum Conservation reference sizes
- ❖ KW Day – Definition
- ❖ Conversion factors - live weight to dead weight
- ❖ Agreements on labeling

- Allocation of any new fishing opportunities in line with current agreement on shares (Concordat)
- Freedom to manage fisheries from a regional perspective
- Agreement on Pan UK requirements
- Scotland Act forbids Scotland acting against international commitments

Summary

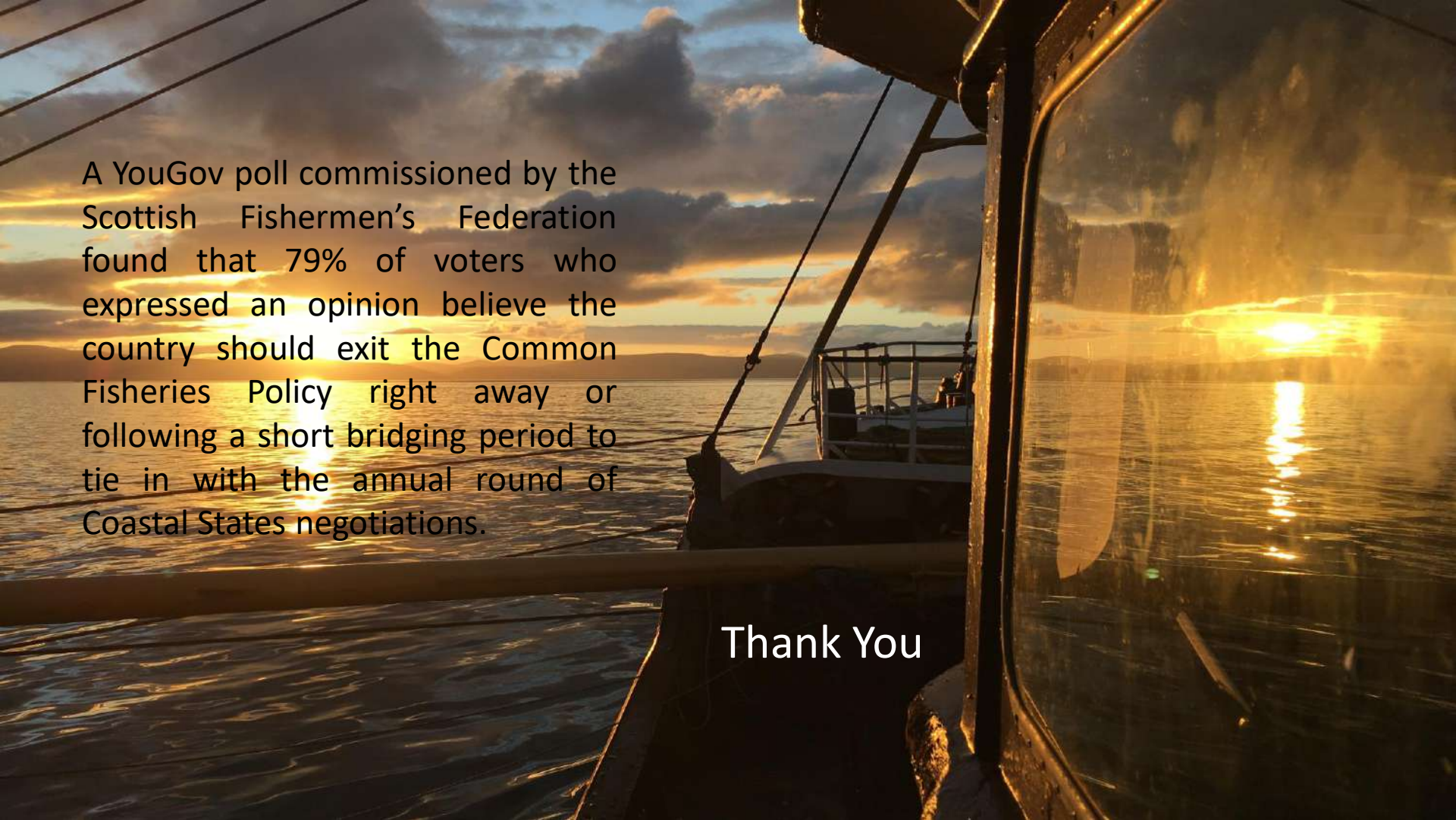


- The International elements are understood – In need of supporting MOU
- Internal allocation of quota to administrations per current concordat
- Right of Scotland to repeal unwelcome elements of UK fishing policy – New Fisheries Bill introduced for Scotland
- Level playing field - internal market

Vision



- Continued development of the ecosystem approach and stable stocks
- Tailor made, regionalized catching policy
- Greater participation of fishers in the decision making processes
- Establishing fair shares of our own stocks
- A spread of benefits to coastal areas and remote communities

A photograph taken from the deck of a boat, looking out over the ocean at sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright, golden glow that reflects on the water's surface. The sky is filled with soft, dark clouds. In the foreground, the dark silhouette of the boat's railing and rigging is visible. In the distance, another boat can be seen on the water. The overall mood is serene and peaceful.

A YouGov poll commissioned by the Scottish Fishermen's Federation found that 79% of voters who expressed an opinion believe the country should exit the Common Fisheries Policy right away or following a short bridging period to tie in with the annual round of Coastal States negotiations.

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