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Reference: Complaint by 'Der Atlantische Lachs' regarding the fisheries in the Dutch Delta and estuaries

Dear Mister Karmenu Vella,

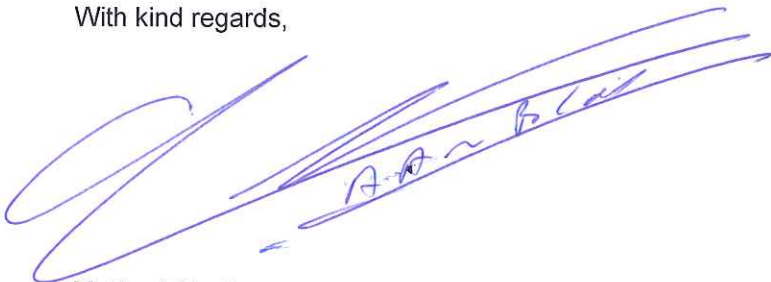
The European Anglers Alliance (EAA) supports the claims and the complaint by 'Der Atlantische Lachs' regarding the fisheries in the Dutch Delta and estuaries that do threaten the reintroduction of Atlantic salmon in the Rhine River system (Letter of November 24, 2014, copy enclosed).

The licenses that were given to commercial fishermen by the Dutch government have no regard for the fledgling salmon populations in the Rhine and the Meuse rivers and the high risk of by-catch of salmon and other protected species in these fisheries.

The EAA thinks that all net fisheries with a risk of bycatch of Salmon and other protected migratory species in the two most important mouths of the Rhine River should immediately stop (The Haringvliet – inside and outside the sluices -) and The 'Nieuwe Waterweg' and connected waterways; the mouth of the 'Nieuwe Waterweg' and the 'Maasvlakte').

The EAA also thinks that the licenses for the fishing with seine nets in the Dutch rivers and the Delta should be brought under a strict regime, limiting the chances of bycatch of migratory species by not allowing these fisheries in early spring and fall and limiting the effort altogether.

With kind regards,



Mr Fred Bloot  
President EAA

Enclosed: Copy Letter Der Atlantische Lachs' regarding the fisheries in the Dutch Delta and estuaries that do threaten the reintroduction of Atlantic salmon in the Rhine River system, November 24, 2014

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