Socio-economic analysis of the options for a reformed CFP

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Abstract

On the basis of proposals made by the European Commission, a reformed Common Fisheries Policy (CFP) for the European Union is foreseen to enter into force during 2013. The European Commission proposal for the CFP reform was supported by an impact assessment analysing the economic, social, and environmental impacts of a series of policy options. All options aimed at achieving environmental sustainability as a precondition for overall sustainability. The paper will present the methodology for the analysis in this impact assessment, the content of the different options, as well as the impacts of the options identified for the CFP. The paper will also show how the impact assessment process has fed into the policy making process of the future of both the Common Fisheries Policy and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund.