

# The EU landing obligation and its impact on discard data

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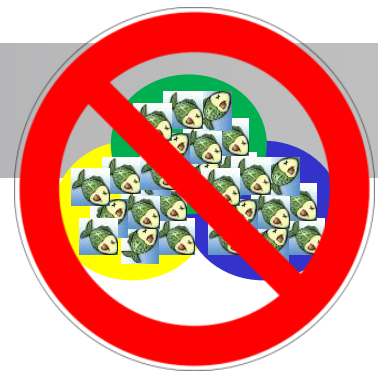
*Strategies for the gradual elimination of discards in European fisheries*

# EU Common Fisheries Policy



## Landing Obligation





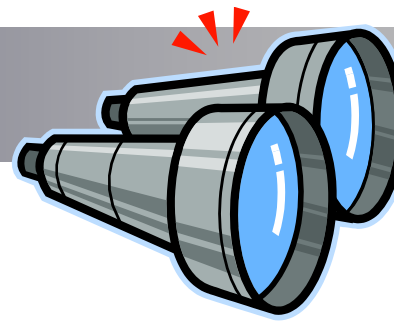
## Reduce unwanted catch

TAC & MLS species

Restricted to 30% discards

Species/fisheries from 2015

# LO advantages



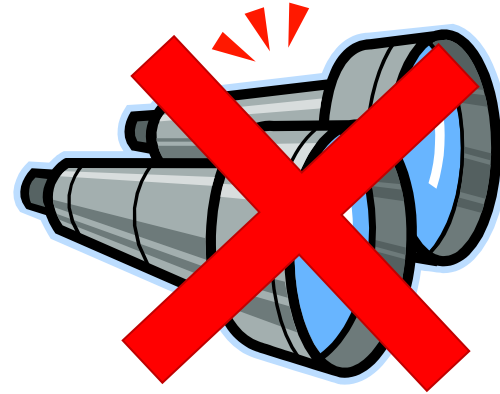
- ✓ Reduce unwanted catch
- ✓ Increase selectivity
- ✓ Increase discard knowledge
- ✓ Safeguard stock recovery

# 2015 - one year of LO



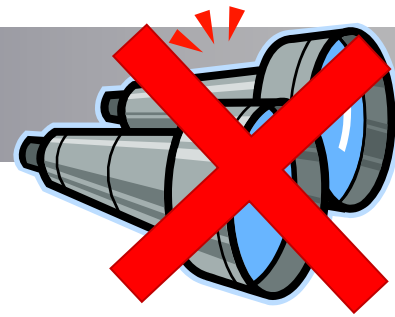
## Pelagic and Baltic fisheries

Control postponed



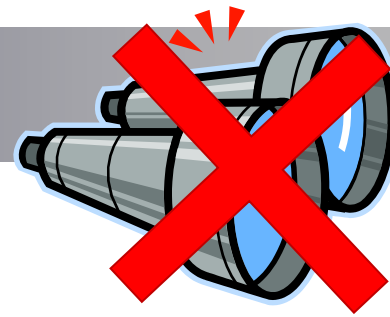
Exceptions granted

# One year of LO...

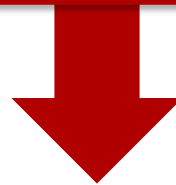


- Fishing as usual...
- ? ...but apparent reduction of unwanted catch (<MCRS)....
- × Refusal to let observers on board
- × Discrepancy between discard rates reported
- × Decrease selectivity

# One year of LO...



- × Discard sampling biased
- × Discard LO exemptions
- × Decrease discard knowledge



scientific advice  
management measures

# Future?....







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