

## EAA and the Forum for Recreational Fisheries and Aquatic Environment

The European Parliament **Forum on Recreational Fisheries and Aquatic Environment** is supported by the **European Anglers Alliance (EAA)** and the **European Fishing Tackle Trade Association (EFTTA)**.

Much legislation dealt with by the European Parliament has a direct impact on the aquatic environment and fish stocks and thereby, an impact on the quality of the angling experience and well-being of the angling community.

The **Forum on Recreational Fisheries and Aquatic Environment** will:

*Improve the contact and communication between MEPs and their 25 million angling constituents;*

*Serve as a forum for discussion on issues related to the European Parliament agenda such as the Implementation of the reformed Common Fisheries Policy, recreational fishing, biodiversity, invasive species, Water Framework Directive, ecosystem services, rural development, fishing tourism and other relevant issues;*

*Give MEPs access to EAA and EFTTA in-house experts and broad network of scientists.*

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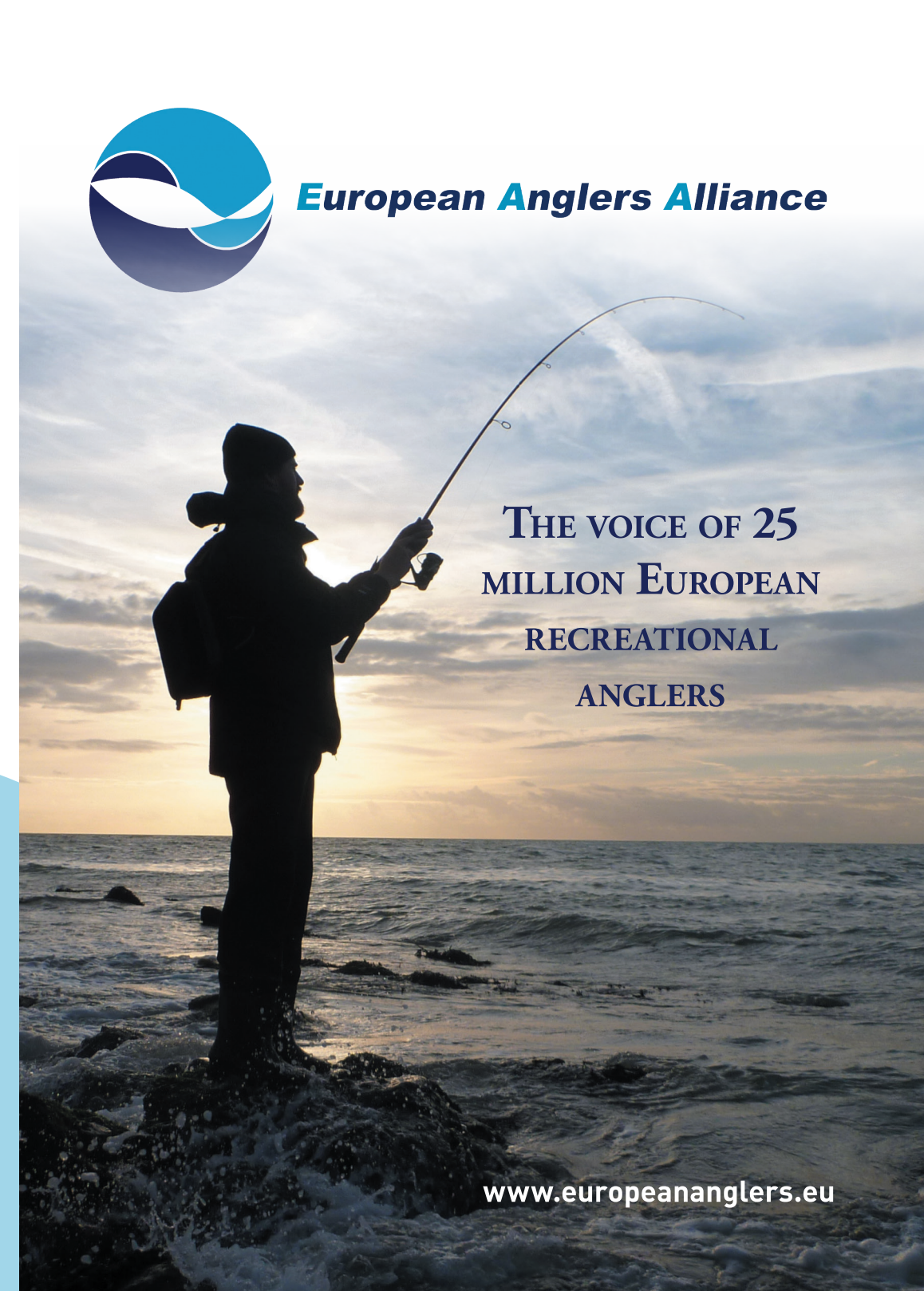
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## About EAA

### What is recreational angling ?

Angling is the catching of fish with rod, hook and line. Recreational angling is non-commercial rod and line fishing. The sale of fish caught in recreational fisheries is forbidden by EU law.

### EAA Mission Statement :

*« To safeguard the fish stocks and fisheries of Europe, and to protect the interests of all those who fish with rod and line for recreational purposes »*

The European Anglers Alliance (EAA) is an NGO registered as a not-for-profit organisation. It counts about 3 million anglers affiliated to its 14 member organisations (2014) from 13 European countries.

Recreational angling is a sustainable activity generating economic activity and jobs in rural, remote and coastal areas ;

25 million sea- and freshwater recreational anglers in Europe generate an annual socio-economic value of 20-25 billion €, supporting hundreds of thousands of jobs ;

Tens of thousands of recreational angling volunteers do conservation work ;

European recreational anglers make up a strong community of people committed to protection of the aquatic environment with an emphasis on healthy fish stocks.



## What EAA does

### Objectives :

*Advocating for the improvement of the aquatic environment in Europe, the sustainability of fish stocks and the development of recreational angling activities ;*

*Creating a permanent dialogue amongst the recreational angling organisations throughout Europe and defining common positions on the main European issues affecting recreational anglers' activities ;*

*Promoting and carrying out research activities ;*

*Carrying out education activities for recreational anglers and the general public about the ethics of angling, its socio-economic importance, the importance of fish and of their habitats in the management of the aquatic environment.*



## Activities

*Influencing policy making and management affecting the health of the aquatic environment and fish stocks, in particular with regard to fish species targeted by the anglers of Europe, for example Atlantic salmon, Baltic salmon, Cod, Sea bass, Sea trout, Brown trout and freshwater coarse fish...*

*Advocating for a greater integration of recreational anglers' interests and concerns in the scopes and objectives of the EU marine policies such as the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP) and the Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD). On top of a permanent dialogue in Brussels with the EU institutions, the EAA also sits in the Marine Strategy Coordination Group and is a member of several of the CFP's Advisory Councils.*

*Working for conservation and protection of European Rivers and lakes* by contributing to the implementation work of the Water Framework Directive (WFD), campaigning against pollution of these habitats and other negative impacts on the aquatic environment.

*Campaigning for recreational anglers' interests on horizontal issues*, such as the implementation of the revised Environmental Impact Assessment Directive, the evolution of the fish farming sector, the management of over-abundant fish predators (e.g. cormorants) and the regulation on Invasive Alien Species.

