

# APPEAL TO PRIME MINISTERS - WHO CAN SAVE THE OCEAN IN ITS HOUR OF NEED?

## **Rogue fisheries ministers set to descend on Brussels**

Brussels: Belgian authorities are on standby with fisheries ministers from EU members states expected to wreak havoc when they hit Brussels next week for their infamous annual all-night AGRIFISH summit. Fish shop windows across Brussels have been boarded up in anticipation of a frenzy of overfishing and mass denial of science.

## **Disaster**

Previous AGRIFISH meetings have seen sustainable economics, climate action, and commitment to EU citizens swept aside in favour of cronyism, short-termism and political-horse trading – and unless Prime Ministers take urgent action, this year's edition could be as much of a disaster as last year.

## **Dodgy decisions to be made behind closed doors at AGRIFISH**

One of Brussel's biggest secrets may be revealed to the world if the EU Ombudsman gets its way: why do EU fisheries ministers insist on continued overfishing year after year? The Ombudsman accepted to open a case earlier this year, which caused a backlash from the fishing lobby, and fisheries ministers. "How are we supposed to get on with the business as usual of depleting fish populations if we've got everyone in the entire European Union looking over our shoulder?," complained one aggrieved source. "We would have gotten away with it, if it wasn't for those pesky citizens!"

## **Gossip: Could This Be the Year We Finally Act on Climate Change?**

Madrid: With tense negotiations at COP25, the UN climate change conference in the Spanish capital this week, rumours that the world might actually be getting somewhere with agreement on global climate action spread like wildfire through this morning's EU Council meeting. Feverish EU and national government officials were seen high-fiving, cartwheeling and dancing until one spoilsport dropped the clanger: "What about the fisheries guys? We can't fix the climate without them!"



## **Superheroes Keep Close Eye on EU Institutions**

With EU Prime Ministers put on notice regarding the expected havoc during next week's AGRIFISH Council meeting, God of the Sea Poseidon and four of his colleagues were spotted in the skies over Brussels in recent days (despite clouds). According to a spokesbeing for the group, the superheroes are in the European capital to demand action. "End overfishing, follow the science, take climate action!" said Poseidon, "Or face the consequences!"