



Launching event :

Recreational Fishing and Aquatic Environment Forum

Why do we need to talk about Recreational Fisheries in the European Parliament?

Economics, Environment and Rural Development

25 March 2015, 12:30 – 14:30

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Programme

A sandwich lunch will be offered by EAA and EFTTA as of 12:30

Official launch of the Recreational Fishing and Aquatic Environment Forum

MEP Norica Nicolai, President of the **RecFishing Forum**

Mike Heylin, Board Member of the **European Anglers Alliance**

Jean-Claude Bel, Secretary-General of the **European Fishing Tackle Trade Association**

Presentations

The economic and social importance of angling in the EU:

The importance of the sector in terms of people involved, its economic and social value

Jean-Claude Bel, Secretary-General of **EFTTA**

Angling, rural development and tourism:

An example of rural development through recreational fisheries in the Danube Delta

Anna Gueorguieva, **World Bank**

Angling for the environment:

Presentation of the monitoring and prevention activities anglers are involved in

Mark Owen, Head of Freshwater Affairs, **Angling Trust** – **EAA** member

Debate with the audience

Conclusions

MEP Norica Nicolai, President of the **RecFishing Forum**

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