

Submission: Dewar Minister Ludwig,

I am aware of the collapse of fisheries in the world's oceans and the part big fishing vessels have caused in their demise. I am also aware of the great gaps in the food chain that these vessels cause by the size of their take. I am also aware that small subsistence fishermen and womens' livelihoods and lives are imperiled by decisons we make as the rich and large consumers of these products.

I am not a fisherperson but a farmer, and I know sustainability is a practice that requires constantly integrating new knowledge and practices. It begins with ethics and a philosophy of doing the least harm to create the greatest benefit to as much of life as possible. Those skilled in the science and practice of fishing can, I am sure do this. We want medium and small profitable fishers not vast boats whose debt levels make it imperative that they keep fishing to pay back loans- one of the key reasons that led to the collapse of particular species and fisheries in the 1990s. The other reason for the collapse of the fisheries is greed. Let's be less greedy. Just putting it out there that we think about what we need and practice voluntary limitations just might prick the conscience of some and from that, more.

Thank you for your efforts in helping create a world future generations would want to inherit.

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