

We must stop the betrayal of Brexit - Mike Hookem MEP

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UKIP Fisheries Spokesman launches petition calling on Government to remove fisheries from the "Great Repeal Bill"

Mike Hookem MEP " Press Release

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Yorkshire and North Lincolnshire MEP, Mike Hookem, has launched a petition to force the Government to remove fisheries from Theresa May's "Great Repeal Bill", saying, "the inclusion of the Common Fisheries Policy into UK law is an abject betrayal of Brexit."

Mr Hookem, UKIP's fisheries spokesman, launched his crusade after George Eustice announced in the House of Commons that "technical measures" of the CFP will be included in Theresa May's flagship Repeal Bill.

Speaking from Brussels, Mr Hookem said, "the response to the petition has been amazing so far, with over 6,000 signatures in the first 48 hours. However, we still have a long way to go if we are going to get the 100,000 signatures we need to force a Commons debate.

"Throughout the referendum, the fishing community of Great Britain was one of the loudest voices in the Leave camp, as they have seen first-hand how disastrous EU policy can be to our country.

"The fishing communities simply want the right to make a living through reclaiming the 200-mile exclusive economic zone we are entitled to under international law and repatriating the 70% of the total allowable catch in British waters that are currently taken by EU vessels.

"For one will support our fishing communities all the way, as I believe, post-Brexit we can achieve the £6.3 Billion boost to the UK economy that the fishing industry is estimated to be worth.

"Fishing means skilled jobs; income into coastal communities; and a huge boost to the national economy.

"However, by taking the CFP into British law using the Great Repeal Bill, the Tories risk handing the EU the opportunity to take the UK to court under the Vienna Convention, citing continuity of rights in the post-transition era.

"This Brexit betrayal must not be allowed to happen, and I urge the whole country to get behind our fishing communities and sign my petition."

[Sign the Petition: Stop the Common Fisheries Policy being adopted into UK law post-Brexit.](#)