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EFTTA ROLE

EFTTA & EFTTEX INTERTWINED HISTORY

EFTTA is a Trade Association for Manufacturers and Wholesalers of sportfishing equipment. EFTTA members can exhibit at EFTTEX, the leading international Fishing Tackle Trade Exhibition. Membership is open to Manufacturers, Wholesalers, Agents and Press in the tackle industry.

EFTTA was established in London in 1981, as an international, independent association to serve the European fishing tackle trade by campaigning to promote sportfishing, environmental issues and international business.

All major trade exhibitions in the world (ICAST, JAFTMA, AFTTA) request a membership to exhibit. Public shows are normally private owned for business. This is not our case.

EFTTA is an association which belongs to its members. There are no private interests. All the profits of the show and the membership fees are invested every year for the protection of the industry.

EFTTA DEDICATION TO THE INDUSTRY

EFTTA has an office in London and a sub office in Brussels. The association's team comprises one full-time lobbyist responsible for the representation of the fishing tackle industry interests towards the EU institutions. Also we hire a lobbying consulting company to assist us with regard to the European Parliament, its many committees and 705 members, including the secretarial tasks related to our forum at the European Parliament, "Forum on Recreational Fisheries and Aquatic Environment"

On a regular basis, we have face-to-face meetings with EU Commission officials to defend recreational fishing, our members' businesses and rights.

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EFTTA is registered in the 'Transparency Register' - a lobbyist register operated jointly by the European Parliament and the European Commission.

EFTTA's identification number in the register: 08955462188-48



WHAT WE DO AND HAVE DONE RECENTLY

- > We fight continuously for the industry's and the anglers' interests, including access to fish and fishing and to avert unjustified or disproportional legislative restrictions.
- > Recreational fishing for seabass and Baltic cod are now managed at EU level (bag limits, closed seasons). We engage in the management of these species 'constantly', with good results from our efforts.
- > We defy the heavy development of hydropower projects which do untold damage to the rivers and the life in and around them, including fish and fishing.
- > We are involved in the evaluation of the European Water Framework Directive. Strong forces would like to see the directive watered down. That must not happen! This is a key piece of legislation to conserve and protect our freshwaters.
- > We counter any unjustified policy or regulation; which would restrict or take away the anglers' rights to fishing.
- > A revision of the EU's fisheries control regulation is pending. Among many proposed changes some are directed recreational fisheries (more control of catches, marking of gear, registration of boats..). EFTTA has delivered extensive input to the legislators and will continue to do so until adoption of the final text at the end of this year.
- > We stand up against unsustainable fishing gear and practices.
- > We assist the Spanish industry in their fight against a new regulation aimed at banning fishing with kayaks in the Asturias Province.
- > We fought long and hard to obtain the European Parliament's support to a pan European Cormorant Management Plan. Now we need the support of the EU Member States, which has proven difficult. However, some states have implemented or improved their national cormorant management plans thanks to our awareness raising and pressure.
- > EFTTA has attended meetings and provided to the EU Commission an expert advice to a pending attempt to restrict or ban lead sinkers, jigs and pilks.
- > EFTTA is engaged with the pending implementation of EU's new legislation on fishing plastic litter. EFTTA seeks to secure the continued use of nylon fishing lines, and to avoid disproportional cost implications for our industry with regard to waste collection and treatment as well as awareness raising as required by the legislation.
- > We keep an eye on the extreme activists and organisations, which are lobbying in various ways to have recreational fishing banned. And we react when needed and appropriate.
- > EFTTA lends its name and support to worthy projects and campaigns e.g. the 'World Fish Migration Day'
- > EFTTA occasionally also donates to campaigns and organisations e.g. the NGO 'European Rivers Network' (ERN), which is engaged in the preservation and sustainable management of water and rivers.
- > Together with the European Anglers Alliance we provide the secretariat to the 'Forum on Recreational Fisheries and Aquatic Environment' (RecFish Forum) at the European Parliament.
- > The RecFish Forum organises various events at the European Parliament several times a year. These events gather members of the parliament, the commission and experts in the topics on the agenda for the event.

HOW WE HELP OUR MEMBERS

EFTTA members' benefits include:

- > Private account on the EFTTA website to manage profile and personal details
- > Access to business-to-business directory comprising 6,000+ companies*
- > Key data and resources including import/export statistics
- > Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) support

*detailed lists available upon request

EFTTA AT A GLANCE



300 members
from 30+ countries



EFTTA members
serve 20+ mill European angling customers



4 Newsletters
per year



250 000 Euros invested
per year

EFTTA needs a numerous and broad membership base to secure, and gain more, political clout, which is essential to avert forcefully and effectively threats to the industry and recreational fishing. In Europe our industry has one powerful voice which counts and have done so for more than 20 years. **Join EFTTA to help EFTTA to secure a brighter future for our industry and recreational fishing.**