

Dear Elector,

At a time when escalating fuel costs are having a serious impact on Lowestoft fishermen, it is a real concern that fishermen from Spain and France are receiving grant support from their governments, which Gordon Brown's government have refused to provide their British counterparts.

This Petition calls for a level playing field for the UK fleet in the light of the French and Spanish fuel aid from their governments.

Peter Aldous, Conservative Parliamentary Candidate for Waveney comments: "It is very wrong that British fishermen are penalised in this way. Lowestoft fishermen are operating with increasingly expensive quotas and now they have been dealt a further blow by having to compete with the subsidised fleets of other nations. It is time for the European Commission to provide a real level playing field by supporting fishermen from all member states with the same amount of aid."

This Petition, which was launched by Sheryll Murray, Conservative Parliamentary Candidate for South-East Cornwall is being circulated around the country and will be presented to Parliament by Bill Wiggin MP, Shadow Fisheries Minister.



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To the House of Commons.

The Petition of the residents of the South West and others declares that they are concerned that aid granted to the fishermen of France and Spain is distorting the operation of the European Single Market.

The Petitioners therefore request that the House of Commons urges the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs to do everything within his power to ensure that the European Commission creates a funding stream within the European Fisheries Fund to provide emergency aid to fishermen from all member states of the European Union, thus safeguarding non-discrimination within the European Single Market. And the Petitioners remain, etc.



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