

HAVBRUGSGRUPPEN EBELTOFTs indklagning af den danske stat for flere brud på EU retten blev i går (4. december 2017 vurderet og går nu videre til realitetsbehandling.

Havbrugsgruppen Ebeltofts har for nogle måneder siden indklaget den danske stat for flere brud på EU retten. Klagen er fremsendt til EU Parlamentets Udvalg for Andragender og registreret under jr. nr. 0790/2017. Klagen blev i går vurderet af Parlamentets PETI Sekretariat, som vurderer, at klagen er relevant og sender den videre til realitetsbehandling i Udvalget for Andragender. Der er fokus nu på den forkerte danske strategi i forhold til EU- vækstinitiativet samt manglende inddragning af den igangværende maritime planlægning - havplanen. Se PETI Sekretariatets anbefaling neden for.

Sideløbende har Havbrugsgruppen Ebeltoft sendt klagerne direkte til EU KOMMISSIONEN, Generaldirektoratet for Maritime Anliggender og Fiskeri, hvor sagen i oktober måned er journaliseret CHAP 207/02787. Endelig er klagen sendt direkte til Generaldirektoratet for MILJØ.

Afgørelse: Petition No 0790/2017 by Thorkild Hansen (Danish), on behalf of Havbrugsgruppen Ebeltoft, on the alleged breach of EU legislation on aquaculture and maritime planning by the Danish government

The petitioner argues that the Strategy for Sustainable Development of the Aquaculture Industry in Denmark (2014-2020) does not meet the European Commission's main objective of increasing the supply of high quality aquaculture products to EU consumers, set in the Strategic Guidelines for the Sustainable Development of the Aquaculture Industry in the EU. Moreover, it seeks to circumvent provisions of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive and Water Framework Directive.

According to the petitioner, the Strategy aims to establish new and expand existing aquaculture areas without first adopting a marine plan subjected to public consultation or to coordination with the local municipalities' long-term land planning, thereby limiting the current and future opportunities of the local population and industry, which rely heavily on a clean marine environment. The petitioner is concerned that heavy pollution from the expanding aquaculture industry will adversely affect the Baltic Sea, the Belts and the Kattegat marine area, since, he claims, there is no actual "environmental space" for the massive discharge of nutrients, organic waste and drug residues resulting from this expansion, even if compensatory marine aquaculture measures are to be established. In this context, he is convinced that Denmark will not meet the quantitative and qualitative environmental requirements set by EU legislation.

Information

- Petition 0578/2017 concerned a similar issue.

Recommendations

- **declare admissible;**
- **ask the Commission for information;**
- **forward for information to ENVI and PECH.**