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Fishing opportunity

*Extract of an article by **A.B. Njordr** for Save Britain's Fish*

Fishing for Leave draw serious concern over the findings of a report by Dutch Wageningen University amd Research (WUR) in the Netherlands reported in the *Guardian* ....

The new analysis conducted by researchers at Wageningen University & Research (WUR) in the Netherlands – which is claimed to be rated the world's top university for agricultural research – found that 10-15% more fish would be landed by UK vessels in the hard Brexit scenario from 2020-2025, worth £250m over the period.

Repatriating resources can occur when the UK becomes an independent coastal state and can claim a portion of internationally agreed resource shares (TACs) based on the predominance of fish in a nations/British waters.

The report suggests the UK could only increases its catch by 15% yet analysis of EU data on catches in UK waters by Fishing for Leave, North Atlantic Fisheries College AND Defra show the UK could lay claim to over DOUBLE the resources with repatriating our waters.

Currently the EU catches 675,000 tons in UK waters – 60% of the fish caught in the UK sector – whilst the UK only catches 88,000 tons or 16% of the fish taken in EU waters.

Based on this the UK stands to regain approximately 700,000 tons of internationally greed resource shares (TACs) based on the level of stocks in our waters – currently the UK contributes 50% of the waters to the EU pot but only gets 25% of the TACs agreed internationally – this should be around 60%

This leads to a potential 243% increase of landings by repatriating our resources not 15%!

The catch value gained by repatriating and controlling UK waters is £800-900m. When an approximate processed net-to-plate factor of x4 is included this becomes annually £3-4bn! Far in excess of the University's figures, even if the UK only managed to repatriate half what it should!

The most strikingly flaw which seriously brings into question the accuracy and validity of this report is the statement; *"Spain can moderately benefit from reduced competition of UK boats in its marine waters"* …. even though the EUs OWN DATA show that ZERO UK boats fish off Spain!

The EU commissions STECF data shows no British registered effort in Spanish waters, whether by indigenously owned or EU owned but UK registered flagships.

The report surmises that by banning EU vessels from UK waters this would correctly lead to many more fish being landed by British boats and surmises a drop in fish prices.

As the UK regains a rightful share of her resources the additional supply may result in the short term dip of prices domestically – no ill for the consumer – until British processors rebuild after being forced into decline alongside the catching sector due to the CFP.

Additionally, the report takes no account of the necessity of EU markets on stocks from UK waters, whether caught by EU vessels directly or by British vessels and therefore the demand that EU buyers could bring to UK markets.

The big point is whether prices drop temporarily or more long term this is more than offset by the additional volume of fish regained and this is why it is CRUCIAL the government distribute repatriated resources fairly in new UK policy to benefit everyone not just a few.

The report also states that as two-thirds of the fish UK consumers eat is imported from overseas the costs of those would rise, due to the trade barriers resulting from a hard Brexit.

The billions of pounds from repatriating our resources out-weighs tariffs or a short-term price dip till domestic processing capacity rebuilds, it also takes no account of the necessity of EU markets on stocks from UK waters whether caught by EU vessels directly or by British vessels.

The report doesn't know and therefore presumes that there is no trade deals with the rest of the world or that no new markets are pursued, if indeed the EU slammed the door on UK fish despite its populations dependency on UK fish.

A large proportion of UK imports are from Norway and Iceland. Although they are in the EEA, fisheries management and marketing is not included in this and therefore there it would not be impossible for the UK to ensure little change to current imports and price structure of this import stream.

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Looking from a national balance of payments perspective the additional throughput of repatriating British resources earns more than the nation would potentially have to spend on imports.

The report also doesn't account for strength of consumer demand in the EU – consumers may be willing to pay a bit more to continue sourcing UK fish or for consumer tastes in the UK.

UK caught fish in abundance for cheaper may encourage Britons to change onto the fantastic domestic produce to end the – export what we catch/import what we eat.

The EU stands to suffer far more than the UK.

The WUR analysis claims to have employed a widely used economic model and also tested to see how much changing the necessary assumptions affected their conclusions. The overall "lose-lose" outcome of a hard Brexit in fisheries remained in all circumstances, with only the scale of losses being different.

On first reading of the report it is very disingenuous and has some serious holes in its data and works on some big presumptions and by its own admission assumptions.

What this report does is brings into sharp question the validity of economists modelling especially when manipulating figures without real experience of an industry and engagement with businesses and their consumers as to how they will react to change nor knowing exact future policy the UK pursues with the rest of the world.

If the UK regains what should be rightfully her resources, implements new UK policy to address both EU and domestic failings of management and allocations etc, rather than replicating a failed system in London instead of Brussels which is no panacea, then the future can be very bright for British fishing.

For the EU it would be grim but they will have to obey international law and re-adjust their industry to account for the loss of British waters from the EU pot which accounts for 50/60% of the resources and waters they depend on."

[In April, Alistair Carmichael MP for Orkney and Shetland asked the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs; What legal identity is planned to be in place to prevent EU vessels operating inside the Orkney and Shetland 12 nautical mile zone during the proposed 21-month implementation period after EU treaties and derogation for exclusive use of the Orkney and Shetland 12 nautical mile zone cease to apply to the UK?

The reply received in May from George Eustice MP,

The implementation period agreed between the UK and EU was endorsed by the EU Council on 22nd March.

Under the agreement, current fishing rules and enforcement arrangements will continue to apply. This includes provisions relating to access to waters within the UK's 6-12 nautical mile zone.

Access to fish in UK waters after the implementation period will be a matter for negotiation. Access will be on out terms, under our control and for the benefit of UK fishermen.-Ed]

Jobs for EU banking regulators

In a recent report by the Corporate Europe Observatory (CEO), a transparency organisation, referred to an interesting statistic. Namely that of what happens to the former directors of the European Commission's unit for banking and financial regulation, "Out of the five former directors between 2008-2017 who have now quit the Commission, four went to work for companies they once oversaw or lobby firms that represent them".

Political uncertainty and business

Due to the negative spin and fear making of the pro-EU lobby UK businesses are unsure as to what will happen to trade after the Brexit negotiations are completed.

This negativity and political uncertainty is causing problems especially for business investment. Over the last year business investment has fallen according to a recent survey.

The manufacturing body EEF and accounting advisers BDO research found that the outlook for manufacturing in the UK was "slightly more subdued than it has been for some time".

From a poll of over 300 companies they found that on average they were "cautiously optimistic", while EEF said that in terms of growth this was looking "fragile".

This research has been picked up by the 'remainers' as further reason to remain in the EU, in other words they have created the uncertainty that they now claim as a reason to remain under the influence of the EU.

Eurozone reform

A proposal by French president Emmanuel Macron and the EU Commission president "pose great risks for European citizens". This is the warning given by 154 German economists writing in the Frankfurter *Allgemaine Zeitung* newspaper. The plan according to the economists would also deprive the German Bundestag of control, they said.

The proposal to transform the European Stability Mechanism into a permanent European Monetary Fund would mean that the euro members would also be sharing liabilities.

Food for thought

From a recent publication by The Kingdom Foundation, the following has been extracted;

"The *European Communities Act* received Royal Assent on 17th October 1972. This Act resulted in the UK joining the European Economic Community (EEC), which had been established by the *Treaty of Rome*, signed 25th March 1957. Britain officially became a member of the EEC on 1st January 1973. This state of constitutional illegality was ultimately entrenched 19th June 2008, when Royal Assent was given to the Constitutional Treaty of Lisbon. This final Treaty, of the now **political** European Union was ratified by all member states of the EU 13th November 2009.

When he signed the *Treaty of Accession* to the *Treaty of Rome* in Brussels 22nd January 1972, the then Prime Minister, Edward Heath, **knowingly and wilfully tricked, deceived and betrayed** the British people into foreign rule by the EEC/EU under the pretence that they would be joining a European common trading agreement, known then as the Common Market. The true intention was to surrender Britain's sovereignty. He deliberately lied to the country. For that reason alone, under English Law, the ECA 1972 is void and of no effect.

At law his was the most calculating and grievous High Treason in British history**. He gave away his country**. Upon this signing, his treason instantly removed him from lawful office and his treasonous act failed to become lawfully binding because treason has no legitimacy and he cannot do that. It is not possible to make law by breaking the law. Edward Heath's then treasonous administration immediately became **an unlawful assembly** as a treasonous government is not lawful and has no legitimacy.

No parliament can bind a successor, yet no following parliament has ever reversed Edward Heath's treachery. Instead, every following prime minister and parliament has consciously and deliberately acted to reinforce Heath's outrageous pretence that Britain had knowingly and willingly consented to foreign rule. As public servants, neither he nor they ever had such authority and their actions are highly treasonous contrary to English law for acting against the nation's known interests, intending to surrender its sovereignty, using wilful deception to deliberately betray the nation and for acting in the political interests of a foreign power. It is effectively to declare war on the British Crown and the nation and is treason contrary to the *Treason Act* 1351 and the *Treason Felony Act* 1848.

Every UK parliament since 1972 therefore, is and has been at law, an unlawful assembly. With mo legitimacy and in knowingly committing the most evil act of treason against their own people, each has invited and imposed foreign rule over their own country. Since 1972, not one has acted within the law. Having solemnly sworn lifetime oaths of loyalty and allegiance to The Queen to serve and protect Britain, each has conspired in this treason and they persist in deceitfully concealing the truth of their illicit activities from the public as it has long been known that the British people would never accept it ....

No law or other binding obligation can result from treason or intent by unlawful assembly. English law, therefore, stands as it was prior to signing of the 1972 Act. Thus Britain is not and can never have been part of the European Union (EU) as every Act, EU Treaty and every statute since 1972 whether or not given the Royal Assent, is treasonous, unlawful, null and void. Not one has the force of law. In any case, the *Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties* 1969 provides that a signatory power may abrogate any treaty unilaterally where corruption can be demonstrated in respect of procuring the treaty in the first place or in respect of any dimension of its implementation ....

The EU has no legitimate influence in Britain whatsoever. Neither does its (Napoleonic) European Civil Law. Their authority exists only in the minds of certain politicians in furtherance of the political agenda of the EU. Britain may walk away at any time without a second thought, as she is not lawfully part of it under the British Constitution. The supremacy of English law in Britain automatically intercedes and strikes down any attempt to repeal, subvert, overrule or replace it. The deceit, pretence and false enforcement of Britain's "European involvement" is none other than parliamentary make-believe and pure theatre designed at the highest levels to deceive and subjugate the people to foreign rule against their will for others' political purpose contrary to English Common Law.....

English Common Law and Common Law is beyond parliamentary reach to alter or repeal and cannot be ignored. Parts are, in any case, by contract directly between the Monarch (the Crown) and the people. Thus Parliament is not party to those arrangements and can have no input. Importantly, this English law is immutable and in perpetuity, written specifically to forever protect the British people from despotic governance.

Even Her Majesty the Queen cannot change or ignore these laws as she is herself subject to them. She cannot surrender Britain's sovereignty that she holds in trust from the British people, for her successors. Neither can she relinquish Britain's independence and freedom of self-determination to a foreign power. Her solemn obligation is to protect and preserve the UK for her successors, as she received it. What she cannot do, her servants in Parliament **also** cannot do ....

The Common Law imposes strict and enduring duties upon every British subject from birth. Every British subject is duty bound in allegiance and loyalty to the nation and in reporting and prevention of treason .... They far pre-date the *Bill of Rights* 1689 which protects Britain from all foreign influence or rule by any power or authority ....."

Germany profits as Greece collapses

Rodney Atkinson

The mainstream press – having been slow over the last 10 years to report the full horror of the Greek economic tragedy brought about by the Euro and the EU – is now reporting a Greek economic "recovery". The Fitch credit rating agency has upgraded Greece and long-term borrowing costs have come down from 30% at the height of the crisis to 4%. This is a rating of Greek finances. There is no rating for human suffering and the permanent loss of human capital.

Greece forgave German post war debt in 1953. Despite the horrendous economic collapse of Greece in the last 10 years Berlin has refused to write off a single Euro of Greece's debt – even though a lot of that debt was taken on to repay German banks and businesses and to save the Euro from collapse. It was also necessary to fill the huge gap due to capital flight from Greece taking advantage of EU laws on free movement of capital!

It was at the London Conference of 1953, as part of the the US Marshall plan for Europe that Greece joined other US allies in writing off more than 50% of German debt. Greece was hardly in a position to be so generous having emerged from the second world war only to suffer a disastrous civil war from 1946 to 1949 and, being on the fringes of Europe, hardly in a position to benefit as much as Germany from the post war recovery.

But now that it is Greece which is in need of massive debt write offs – understood by most EU countries and by the IMF – it is Germany which has vetoed any write off of any Greek debt.

The economy returned to growth in 2017 (although there was a fall in the final quarter) and predictions of 2% growth in 2018 and 2.3% in 2019 may look like a "triumph" for euro-fanatics but they look more like wishful thinking and a "dead cat bounce" to many!

Costs and wages having been mercilessly driven down by a vicious eight year recession, tourism was up 17% in 2017 – although any tourism profit will go towards 24% VAT and higher taxes. Shares are up but from a very low level and there was a budget surplus in 2017 of 0.8% of GDP. Slashing wages and State pensions by up to two thirds has been a useful contributor! Even that is better than the complete collapse in private pensions.

Since the crisis began the Greek stock exchange index fell from 5,200 to 819 – while the German index rose from 4,000 to 12,900.

German balance of payments surplus is a grotesque 8% of GDP – far above what EU agreements stipulate should attract measures to reduce it. Greece has a balance of payments deficit of 1% of GDP – having been as low as 10% of GDP in 2012. The "recovery" is almost entirely due to the collapse in domestic demand, as wages, social security and pensions have been savagely reduced to satisfy EU creditors.

More unpayable loans to Greece and the European Central Bank's money printing have rescued German banks from their bad loans to Greece and German companies in defence equipment and transport have obtained lucrative Greek contracts. German business has been prominent in the take over (at recession induced low prices) of Greek companies and infrastructure – the latest being the port of Thessaloniki. Piraeus port of Athens had already been sold to the Chinese. Greece is (as we know from the catastrophic immigrations to the EU through Greece) a major entry point for trade with the rest of Europe so the Greek Government rightly said:

"The development of the Port of Thessaloniki, which follows that of Piraeus, creates a growth axis that traverses vertically all of Greece, and further enhances its role as a European entry gate for multinationals in trade and cruise ship tourism."

But now of course, because the Euro destroyed the Greek economy and the EU forced Greece to sell off its major assets to pay its debts it is foreign capital that will benefit from such trade. Like the mass emigration of young Greeks this will permanently establish a poorer Greece for generations to come.

No wonder that GDP per head in Germany is $33,000 while in Greece it is at $17,000. Greek State debt stands at 180% of GDP and it is estimated it will take until 2060 to get down to a still crippling 140% of GDP (the UK debt stands at 88% today).

Greeks' average pay is down from Euro18,500 to Euro12,000, severe deprivation has doubled, the health system has collapsed and between 2008 and 2016 427,000 Greeks of working age left the country to find employment – mainly in those Eurozone countries who repeatedly voted against giving Greece any debt relief!

So disastrous has the human cost of this evil been that the Greek government has recently stopped publishing monthly statistics of births and deaths.

The Greek death rate before 2008 was about 60,000 per annum. The change since then has been horrendous:

2013 – 70,830
2016 – 118,623
2017 – 123,700.

These figures have been greatly affected by suicides and illness due to the stress of trying to survive this economic holocaust. Equally the birth rate has fallen as the Greek young emigrated or could not afford to marry and have children.

When Germany was granted debt relief in the early 1950s (by among others Greece) its remaining *debt repayments were linked to economic prosperity – something which Berlin is denying to Greece today!*

While pensions were generous in Greece, Greek families have traditionally provided their own self-

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help welfare – thus sparing the State social payments. So the ruthless and sudden slashing of Greek pensions has had a catastrophic effect ....

The collapse in pensions and earnings have meant hundreds of thousands of Greeks could not meet their mortgage costs – for no fault of their own. Naturally the Greek Government did not wish to ruthlessly pursue these poor families but the EU does not give a damn and has demanded that mortgage default properties must be sold faster!

This will of course drive families out onto the street and drive down the prices of housing in general – thus putting more mortgage holders into default.

Once the single currency is in place there is no possibility for a country to devalue in order to adjust to its true economic condition. Therefore the "devaluation" comes in the form of lowering internal costs – in particular the costs of labour. A downward spiral ensues: of poverty, higher debt, default, lower taxes then lower welfare, then more property defaults etc ....

Source: Extract of an article at freenations.net 10th May 2018.

House of Lords reform

Don Briggs

The Lord Stoddart of Swindon deservedly commands my respect for his untiring efforts to restore freedom and democratic government to the UK.

In the May issue of *eurofacts* he offered his thoughts on reform of the House of Lords, which is clearly needed.

Reducing the period to two months in which peers, whose duty it is to ask the the Commons to reconsider laws they have passed, is sensible.

Replacing the Lords with an *appointed* body with power to advise, not legislate, sounds plausible until we ask *who* will appoint its members. The same politically-motivated parties of all hues who brought our world-class, centuries-old system of effective checks and balances against abuse of power into such public contempt?

Lord Stoddart's third option is to abolish the Lords, which would hand MPs dictatorial power, unchecked by anyone. He believes the Commons would allow referenda to decide the nation's future. Just like the one about leaving the EU, I suppose?

That referendum was achieved only after 40 years of being denied it, while going down a blind alley.

Disraeli once offered Parliament some advice on the issue of 'reforming' the Lords. He admitted the system of so-called 'hereditary' peers was 'feudal, and anachronistic'. But it was the 'most effective check and balance on abuse of power' that the world has ever devised, he said.

'Hereditary' peers are nothing of the kind. They are 'prescriptive' members of the Lords. That is they are *commanded by law to serve in the House because of the accident of their birth.*

Such peers are not hereditary members. If they were, then daughters, not just eldest sons, would be called to duty in the Lords, to use their independent, apolitical judgment in defence of what is right in the interests of all, not just for political expediency or self-interest.

We have witnessed the harmful impact of Tony Blair's governments worldwide, not just in the UK.

His desire to end checks and balance on abuse of power in the UK by abolishing most prescriptive peers and stuffing the House with hundreds of paid political stooges should be reversed, just like we must leave the European Union.

And with that reform, we should make those prescriptive independent-minded peers truly representative of the common man: by ensuring that daughters are called to serve their country, not just eldest sons of peers who were honoured for their service to the nation.

The issue of whether we restore effective checks and balances against the abuses of power which we have witnessed for the last 40-odd years by all three parties should be one for the people of this nation to decide, in a referendum and after a full and frank debate.

Nato and defence expenditure

The UK government are quite correct in reminding the EU negotiators that defence is an important issue that should also be taken into consideration during negotiations.

According to Eurostat figures for 2016 show that the only countries that are meeting their NATO obligation of a minimum 2.0% of GDP on defence spending are Estonia, Greece and the UK.

The average GDP figure quoted for EU member states on defence spending was 1.3%. This is made up of Estonia (2.4%), Greece (2.1%), while the UK spent (2.0%). In terms of true costs the UK spent (2.0%) which amounts to £52 billion.

In simple terms the UK spent 24% of the total for the EU as a whole, on defence.

The EU will have to therefore increase its spending on defence as well as finding an alternative source of funding for its institutions and donations to poorer member states without the UKs contribution.

LETTERS

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Loyalty

Dear Sir,
The rules of the House require that speakers should declare any personal interest when making points in the house. In present circumstances this would have applied to anyone with an interest in supporting the EU and all those who receive EU pensions should have declared an interest. Those who take up positions in the EU are required to support its policies. On appointment they swore to act only in the interests of the EU and not in favour of any country or other body and this still applies after retirement. Peers in this situation are clearly incapable of acting in the interests of the UK and have given their allegiance to the EU instead of to their own country. The requirement to disclose their interest no longer applies because it was removed by Geoffrey Howe to enable the House to legislate under EU control while pretending to act for the UK. Those in this position are also in breach of their oath of allegiance to the Queen.

The rule should now be reinstated. It should also be made law that no person who owes allegiance to any other institution is eligible for membership of the House.

MICHAEL CHELK
Suffolk

Lord's pay

Dear Sir,
Surely the way to reform the House of Lords is to stop the £300 per day attendance allowance. We wouldn't see them for dust.

JOHN COOKE
Gilsland

French ex-pats

Dear Sir,
The ex- pats out here in France mainly had a hissy fit as they did not really understand the implications of Brexit. Some thought they would be thrown out of France (and I'm not talking about the thickos out here, but well educated people) makes one think a bit harder about what well educated means.

To my mind, go WTO, accept a couple of years pain and then flourish as the EU countries need us for their economies and the rest of the world is open.

JULIAN IRONSIDE
France

Italian debt

Dear Sir,
Italian debt to GDP stands at 132%. The Italian government owes 35 thousand euros per person. That's six thousand more than what's owed by the Greek government.

GDP in Italy is barely above the level when it joined the Euro in 1999.

The ECB has given Italy 600 billion euros to stop it going bust.

Italian banks have already gone bust.

The Deutsche Bank is in deep trouble.

Clearly the signs are that Italy will soon have to leave the euro and go back to the lire as it's currency. In order to prevent this the EU will undoubtedly demand that some other member states, including the UK, will have to finance the ECB, Italy, Spain and other EU countries by many billions of euros.

It is therefore IMPERATIVE that the UK pulls out of the EU IMMEDIATELY to avoid having to pay horrendous costs to prop up the euro and the EU. Bob Lyddon in his report published by the Bruges Group points out that the UK's liabilities created by the EU under the heading budgetary "commitments" (page13) is EUR441.1 billion up until the end of the current MFF (Multi-annual Financial Framework) which runs up to the end of 2020. With other financial liabilities Bob Lyddon confirms the grand total under the UK's current contracts: Category Amount EU/Payments Appropriation EUR746.0 billion EU/Commitments Appropriation EUR441.1 billion EIB subscribed capital EUR39.2 billion ECB subscribed capital EUR1.5 billion UK Maximum Possible Loss EUR1,227.8 billion **That equates to GBP982 billion.** The UK's national debt is currently GBP1.560 billion or 82% of UK GDP's of GBP1.902 billion. A full call on the UK's contracts by the EU would raise the national debt to GBP2.542 billion or 134% of GDP. Over and above that could come the need to render **"extraordinary support"** to any of the EU organisations listed.

If the Conservative Party enables the EU to demand these payments through not progressing a full and free BREXIT I hope and pray that the Conservative Party will never ever form a UK government again. Kindly confirm to me what action the UK Conservative government is taking to avoid having to pay the EU these vast sums which we cannot afford.

J.G. WRAITH
Surrey

Interference

Dear Sir,
If it is dangerous for Russia or any other country to get involved in national elections of a country like America or any other! Why is it acceptable for the EU to interfere in national elections or appointments to office in member states?

Surely, the EU is creating a dangerous precedent by its involvement in Greek, Spanish and Italian national politics.

What is quite clear is that if the EU threat to national democracy is left unchecked then civil unrest and further alienation from the EU will follow!

MICHAEL SUTHERLAND
Manchester

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