



POLITICIAN'S PLEDGE

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POLITICIAN'S PLEDGE TO FIGHT FOR FISH

I am a Member of Parliament / Member of the House of Lords and I pledge to #FightForFish.

Why? Because approximately 77 million fish are farmed and killed for human consumption every single year in the UK, yet these unique animals currently receive only very basic and minimal protections under the law. As a result, they are at serious risk of suffering in ways we cannot even begin to imagine.

We currently have a critical opportunity to change this.

The Government has received recommendations from advisory body, the Animal Welfare Committee, as well as insights and consultative input from world-renowned experts and aquatic animal experts. Now, it's time for the Government to act: farmed fish must receive increased legal protections at slaughter. It's time to #FightForFish.

That's why I am calling for the Government to take action. The UK must use this unique opportunity to strengthen legal protections for farmed fish, by:

- Providing species-specific regulations for fish in the Welfare at Time of Killing (WATOK) regulations, explicitly making stunning before slaughter a legal requirement;
- Making inspections, both announced and unannounced, frequent and mandatory across all farmed fish slaughterhouses, both on land and on boats;
- Making CCTV a legal requirement across all fish slaughterhouses, including appropriate oversight and legal enforcement, to ensure compliance.

By pledging my support to #FightForFish I also commit to using my political power to act in defence of farmed fish. This might include sharing this pledge, urging my peers to sign the pledge, submitting questions to the Prime Minister, raising awareness of the plight of farmed fish through the media, or discussing fish welfare with interested constituents.