EU Backs Down From Plan To Save Threatened Bluefin Tuna

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Surprise! Surprise! EU backs down from plan to save threatened bluefin tuna. EU Fisheries Commissioner Maria Damanaki had been proposing drastic cuts to save the bluefin tuna in line with scientific advice. But after a meeting with member state representatives she has been forced to climb down from her conservation position. France, Spain and other Mediterranean nations forced her to retreat Thursday from her ambitious plan. Commissioner Damanaki said her latest negotiating mandate "is not based on the Commission's proposal," which had focused on recommendations from scientists. She now must defend a position at a meeting of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas, or ICCAT, that she does not agree with. "Nevertheless, the Commission will respect its obligations as the negotiator on behalf of the European Union," she said in a statement. More on the EU hypocrisy here

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