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A recent report that claims that UK fisheries have declined by 94 per cent over the past 120 years has been described as "rubbish" by the fishing industry. Philip MacMullen of the industry body <u>Seafish</u> said the authors should have looked at "what's happening in today's marine environment, rather than dredging up dodgy data from the past." He condemned their failure to incorporate more recent initiatives,- such as new long-term management plans, limits on days at sea, selective fishing gears, voluntary closures of fishing grounds and decommissioning, which has resulted in a 70 per cent cut in the amount of white-fish boats in the past 10 years.

More <u>here</u>

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