



# Brexit Update

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# Review

- Start of year summary – Phase I/Phase II
- Critical timings – the next month
  - Bridge or Implementation period – the difference
- Critical Path – remain in charge!

## The Four Fundamentals

- A radical change in governance - what the law says – UNCLOS
- Catching in the UK EEZ – what and by whom?
- UK shares in the UK EEZ
- Zonal attachment in the UK EEZ

## Lobbying Focus

- Westminster and Holyrood Committees
- DEFRA; DexEU; Scotland Office
- Cabinet Members and advisors
  - Michael Gove
  - David Mundell
  - DexEU senior civil servants

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## Lobbying Focus

- Cross Party Westminster
- Scottish Government

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## External Interest

- Norway
- US & Australian Embassys

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## Milestones

- Withdrawal Bill – passage through Lords
- White Paper on Fisheries
- Fisheries Bill
- Commencement of Trade negotiations

# Reminder of Policy

- Legally and scientifically we have an unbeatable hand of cards
  - A submissive approach would be dereliction
- Phase II fundamentals:
  - No negotiation on access before the UK becomes a CS
  - Shares must reflect the principle of zonal attachment – first call on quota
  - Fishing considerations must stand alone
  - The natural resources under UK sovereignty must not be given away – access and quota can only be made available to foreign catchers if there is a benefit to UK fishing
  - The Bridge – a workable way ahead

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# Reminder of Policy/cont:

The Bridge – a workable way ahead:

- Act like a Coastal State in 2018 negotiating season, test all agreements
- Fix opportunity at an acceptable level for the bridging period Brexit – end of 2019
- Unequivocally establish the Coastal State, begin the transition to zonal attachment.

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and finally....

Commence meaningful internal debate on  
post-Brexit

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