

May admits coastal communities will be lost in transition

A press release from Fishing for leave

At PMQs yesterday (Wed 11th Oct.) Theresa May finally let the mask slip when asked a question on whether Britain would still be locked into the disastrous Common Fisheries Policy (CFP) during a transition.

Before the House of Commons the PM stated that Britain's fishing industry and coastal communities will once again be bargained as part of the agreement to gain a transition/implementation period.

"As part of the agreement we need to enter into for the implementation period, obviously that (CFP)and other issues will be part of that agreement".

Fishing for Leaves Alan Hastings raged "It is appalling that the establishment won't even make a stand on fishing when it is such an "acid test" of whether we've taken back control – after being sacrificed to join it looks like Britain's fishing and coastal communities will be sacrificed on leaving too".

"It's sickening that it is not for any benefit but to cravenly gain a transition period that will only leave this country prostrate at the hands of the EU"

Fishing for Leave highlighted that under international law Article 50 confers a clean slate on March 2019 where all EU treaties and law ceases to apply – taking Britain cleanly out the CFP and leaving the country free to make our own laws and deals.

"A transition has been spun as part of a gentle unwinding during leaving – **IT IS ABSOLUTELY NOT**"

"Legally Britain leaves the EU at the end of the Article 50 process in March 2019. A transition period isn't part of leaving but part of a future deal with the EU"

"Therefore, a transition is only within the EUs gift to give and on their terms – this puts Britain at the EUs mercy – we will have taken back control in March 2019 only to give it straight back to the EU in a transition deal – its madness".

This was confirmed by Michael Barnier on the 21st September. That any transition past the Article 50 cut-off date can only happen if the UK effectively re-joins the EU to get it.

*"I would like to be very clear: if we are to extend for a limited period the Acquis of the EU, with all its benefits, then logically **this would require existing Union regulatory, budgetary, supervisory, judiciary and enforcement instruments and structures to apply**"*

Alan Hastings fumed "Barnier has made it crystal clear – the only way the EU will give a transition is if it is entirely on their terms. Where Britain continues to obey all current and future EU law but has no say or input over them – it's a worse position than being members – perhaps that's the point!"

"Consequently, they can demand continuation of the CFP – most worryingly they can alter the rules to cripple and finish what is left of the British fleet so they clear the sea of the British industry"

"What Mrs May and her remain sycophants are doing just now in their desperation to Remain with the EU is prostrating Britain in regulatory purgatory as they hope to keep kicking the can down the road – lost in transition comes to mind"

"They are putting not only the fishing industry but the nation

in a grave position at the EUs mercy”.

“Unless the political establishment wants to self-destruct when the public realises what they have done they must take back full control in March 2019”.

The campaign for an Independent Britain would like to point out that, while fully sharing Fishing for Leave’s concerns about Mrs May’s statement, it does not believe that this damaging transitional arrangement is anything more than a figment of her imagination, as we pointed out here.

We would also wish to thank Heather Wheeler MP for her comments on this press release. She said “*This is a complete nonsense and wrong. We are giving notice on fishing and we are taking back our fishing limits and quotas.*” CIB is seeking further information and clarification from ministers and any replies will be posted in due course. Mrs Wheeler was a staunch supporter of Leave during the referendum.