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**SUPPORTING THE UNDER 10m AND NON-SECTOR FISHING INDUSTRY WHICH REPRESENTS  
OVER 85% OF U.K. FISHING VESSELS.**

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **The New Under Ten Fishermen's Association ( NUTFA ) would like to make the following announcement.**

On the 27th May 2008 this Association instructed our legal team to commence with litigation against DEFRA regarding their Quota mismanagement.

This decision was made by the Committee after expiry of the 23rd May deadline given to DEFRA to resolve the under ten-metre quota crisis, with no acceptable outcome.

Our London based legal team of maritime specialists are Thomas Cooper who won the Factortame case against MAFF, which included compensation for their clients of £55M.

Our legal team has advised this Association that they consider this to be a clear case of discrimination and if successful, compensation claims may also be possible for any under tens that have suffered financial loss for any reason because of DEFRA's actions, including shell fishermen, these claims would go back many years and are expected to be substantial.

This Association along with our legal team has designed simple monthly catch declaration sheets for our members to log all landings and marketable discards to gain track record, these will also be admissible in a court of law and designed to help prove that discrimination has taken place against them. The log sheets are available to any of our members for an administration fee of £30.00 Inc VAT per year. This information will be securely logged on this Association's database for future reference and made available to our members as they require ( please contact this Association for further details). This Association would strongly recommend all under tens to have their catch information independently logged in this way, even if they have no intention of making compensation claims.

This Association was formed as a Company Limited by Guarantee. Therefore we would like to reassure our members, that any financial liability from the judicial review proceedings lies entirely with this Association and not with any of its individual members. The financing of this action will come from the Association's subscription fees.

Any UK under tens that have not yet joined this Association can download an application form from our website or phone the number above to have one sent in the post.