

Review of: "Mental health in fishing communities: An overview of current knowledge and information gaps for fisheries"

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This is a well conducted review of an important long term issue for fishing communities word wide. Technically the review is well implemented and the conclusions are justifies. The main conclusion seems to be that not enough is known about individual and community mental health its determinants for fishers.. This is especially the case in poorer fishing dependent regions. The conclusions ares justifiable, but a little pessimistic about improvement If there is not focused funding for the particular mental health issues related to fishing.

One leaves the paper with a feeling that the case for further research could have been strengthened a little. For example, the contexts of consistency of government policy, the possibilities of intervention by community development to improve social cohesion or identification of alternative for different sectors of industry to change their social approach (e.g. cooperatives for small scale community based fishing or company policy for larger companies may provide avenues for) may provide topics for stand alone research.

Having said that the paper is an important one for setting the scene from a currently disparate literature. as to where we are now .