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### IN THE NEWS

#### Highlights of UBC Media Coverage in November / December 2006

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#### State-Subsidized Destruction at Sea, Fish Feelings

UBC Fisheries Centre researchers featured prominently in international news in November. Prof. **Rashid Sumaila** was cited in coverage of a defeated United Nations proposal to ban environmentally harmful deep-sea bottom-trawl fishing, and Prof. **Daniel Pauly** was quoted in reports of U.K.-based *New Scientist* magazine's survey of the biggest anticipated scientific breakthroughs over the next 50 years.

Opinion pieces in France's *International Herald Tribune*, the *Vancouver Sun* and Montreal's the *Gazette* cited research led by Sumaila that found that international high seas bottom-trawling fleets would be unprofitable without some \$152 million a year in subsidies, mainly in the form of cut-price fuel, from countries including Japan, Russia, South Korea, and Spain. Without these subsidies, Sumaila estimates that the fleet would not be able to continue fishing.

Media in the U.K. and Australia, including the *Telegraph*, the *Guardian*, the *Times* and the *Australian* reported Pauly's statement that the most important development for the oceans would be a device that could detect, amplify and transmit the "thoughts" of animals in a way that would evoke empathy in humans.

"This would first work with primates, then mammals in general, then the other vertebrates including fish," said Pauly. "This would cause, obviously, a global revulsion

at eating flesh of all kinds, and we would all become vegetarians."

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