

Speech Mr. Biever

**Respected national, regional and local guests
Mister President of the Sportfishing Federation of the Netherlands
Dear Presidents, Ladies and Gentlemen. Fellow Anglers**

On behalf of the International Federation of Sea Angling, I would thank Sportvisserij Nederland to give us the possibility to realise this great event, its President with his board members as well as the volunteers having a big job to organise this world championship boat angling.

We have discovered excellent areas, the well adapted facilities and boats, and the readiness of the Dutch Federation to be successful with this event.

In favour of all that, we all are here today.

We, Sea Anglers, not only organise and participate in competitions with high level, but we are also conscious of the preservation of the seas and the marine fauna.

It is our duty to preserve and to support all the initiatives with the aim to protect the marine environment, so that our future generations may continue to practise our favourite sport, the Sporting Sea Angling.

We wish and we are convinced that the weather forecast will be good, I believe to know that the fishes are present, all is given for a great success.

We want to express our thanks especially to the nations, the federations and to the present anglers, which by their presence heighten this championship and by their participation will be an essential part of the success of the world championship.

I thank you for your attention on behalf of the International Federation of Sea Angling and declare the 44th World Championship Boat Angling 2008 open.

Espérant ne pas avoir été trop long, je vous remercie de votre attention et déclare au nom de la fédération internationale de pêche sportive en mer, l'ouverture du 44^{ème} Championnat du Monde de Pêche à Soutenir en Bateau 2008.

To all the competitors, I wish you good luck and that the best may win.

A tous les compétiteurs, je vous souhaite bonne chance et que le meilleur gagne.