Procedure file

Basic information

CNS - Consultation procedure Decision	1996/0308(CNS)	Procedure completed

Measure to encourage Italian fishermen to diversify out of certain fishing activities (Spadare driftnets)

Amended by 1998/0274(CNS)

Subject
3.15.08 Fishing enterprises, fishermen, working conditions on board

Geographical area
Italy

Key players

European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	PECH Fisheries		26/02/1997
		PSE BALDARELLI Francesco	
	Former committee responsible		
	PECH Fisheries		26/02/1997
		PSE BALDARELLI Francesco	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Justice and Home Affairs (JHA)	2002	28/04/1997
	Fisheries	1998	14/04/1997

Key events

29/01/1997	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
19/03/1997	Vote in committee		Summary
19/03/1997	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A4-0095/1997	
10/04/1997	Debate in Parliament		Summary
10/04/1997	Decision by Parliament	COM(1996)0682	Summary
10/04/1997	Report referred back to committee		
14/04/1997	Debate in Council	1998	
17/04/1997	Vote in committee		

17/04/1997	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A4-0141/1997	
23/04/1997	Debate in Parliament		
24/04/1997	Decision by Parliament	T4-0204/1997	Summary
28/04/1997	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
28/04/1997	End of procedure in Parliament		
13/05/1997	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	1996/0308(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Decision
	Amended by 1998/0274(CNS)
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 170; EC before Amsterdam E 043
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	PECH/4/08788; PECH/4/08625

Documentation gateway

Legislative proposal		COM(1996)0682 OJ C 059 26.02.1997, p. 0021	16/12/1996	EC	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A4-0095/1997 OJ C 132 28.04.1997, p. 0005	19/03/1997	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A4-0141/1997 OJ C 150 19.05.1997, p. 0003	17/04/1997	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T4-0204/1997 OJ C 150 19.05.1997, p. 0014-0034	24/04/1997	EP	Summary

Additional information

European Commission	EUR-Lex

Final act

Decision 1997/292
OJ L 048 19.02.1997, p. 0013 Summary

Measure to encourage Italian fishermen to diversify out of certain fishing activities (Spadare driftnets)

OBJECTIVE: the proposal for a Decision introduces a specific measure to encourage Italian fishermen to diversify out of certain fishing activities (drift net fishing - 'spadare'). SUBSTANCE: under the plan drawn up by the Italian Government to reorganize and diversify out of drift net fishing for large pelagic fish, as notified to the Commission on 25 July 1996, a specific measure is established to grant aid, in the form of

compensation or of reconversion premiums, to the fishermen concerned. The amount of Community aid (over three years) is estimated at a maximum of ECU 100 million, to be made available by reprogramming structural assistance already allocated under the Objective 1 CSF for Italy. ?

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OBJECTIVE: the Union's participation in the financing of the Italian plan for the conversion of the tuna and swordfish fishing fleet. COMMUNITY MEASURE: Council Decision 97/292/EC on a specific measure to encourage Italian fishermen to diversify out of certain fishing activities. SUBSTANCE: as part of a plan drawn up by the Italian authorities to restructure and convert fishing for large pelagic fish (tuna and swordfish) with drift nets a specific measure has been introduced that enables aid to be granted to: - nationals of any Member State employed on 22 July 1996 as fishermen on a fishing vessel flying the Italian flag, practising this type of fishing, or who were employed in 1995, in the form of compensation for suspending this activity. The compensation may not exceed ECU 918.23 per fishermen per month, for a maximum of six months; - vessel owners who have undertaken to cease definitively all fishing activity (a maximum of ECU 50 000 in aid granted when fishing activity ceases); - vessel owners who have undertaken to diversify definitively towards another fishing activity (a premium for diversifying not exceeding ECU 20 000). The amount of Community aid (in three years) will be made available by reprogramming structural assistance already allocated under CCA-Italy Objective No 1. ?

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The report by Mr Francesco BALDARELLI (PSE, I) adopted by the committee highlighted the voluntary nature of the programme for the Italian swordfish fleet, which provides either for definitive cessation of activities or for diversification under more selective systems. The report proposed a number of improvements to the proposal for a Council decision to implement more efficient aid. Aid should be granted both to Italian fishermen and to all fishermen legally employed on board vessels flying the Italian flag during the 1995 fishing season. In addition, the Italian government should be authorized, within the framework of Community regulations, to distribute national aid, where necessary, in order to deal with the economic consequences of the conversion of the driftnet swordfish fleet. Converting this type of fishing fleet, which uses drift nets, will not per se resolve the problem of the use of this type of gear in the Mediterranean. The committee highlighted the fact that a solution needed to be found within a general regional framework which also applied to third country fleets and took account of the problem of fishing gear other than drift nets which might be equally harmful to the conservation of resources.?

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The European Parliament referred to committee the report by Mr Francesco BALDARELLI (PSE, I) on the proposal for a decision on a specific measure to encourage Italian fishermen to diversify out of certain fishing activities by 28 votes to 12.

Measure to encourage Italian fishermen to diversify out of certain fishing activities (Spadare driftnets)

In adopting the report by Mr Francesco BALDARELLI (PSE, I), the European Parliament proposed certain improvements to the Commission's proposal for the Union's participation in the financing of the Italian conversion plan for the driftnet fishing fleet. It wants explicit reference made in the proposal to the voluntary nature of the plan. It also calls for provision to be made for aid to be granted not only to Italian fishermen but to nationals of any Member State who were employed on 22 July 1996 as fishermen on a fishing vessel flying the Italian flag, practising this type of fishing, or who were employed in 1995, in the form of compensation for suspending this activity. Parliament also emphasizes the need to find a solution in a general regional framework that also extends to the fleets of third countries. In this respect, it feels that, pending a total ban on drift nets, the Union, together with such other institutions as the General Fisheries Council for the Mediterranean (GFCM), should undertake to carry out checks to ensure that drift nets from third-country fishing vessels in the Mediterranean fishery conform to the 2.5 km length limit. ?