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	PECH Fisheries	V MCKENNA Patricia	24/06/1997
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Additional information

European Commission	EUR-Lex
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Final act

Regulation 1998/66 OJ L 006 10.01.1998, p. 0001 Summary
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Fishing activities in the Antarctic: conservation and control measures

OBJECTIVE: to integrate the new conservation and control measures applicable to fishing activities in the Antarctic following the meeting and the decisions taken on 5 November 1996 by the Commission for the Conservation of the Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR) of which the Community has been a member since 1982. SUBSTANCE: the Community has been a member of the Convention on the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources since 21 May 1982. Since then the Commission set up by the Convention (CCAMLR) has adopted a series of measures to conserve the fishery resources of the Antarctic which the Community implements through Regulation 2113/96/EC for those which are relevant to it. At the October-November 1996 meeting this Commission adopted a certain number of measures which must now be incorporated into Community law. They basically involve the fixings of TACs for the species of *Euphausia superba*, *Dissostichus eleginoides*, *Champosocephalus Gunnari*, *Electrona carlsbergi*, *Lepidonotothen squamifrons* and for crab. They cover inter alia the prohibition on directed fisheries for certain stocks, the catch reporting systems and other technical measures. Given that these measures have been compulsory for members of the CCAMLR since 2 May 1997 the Community has been called on to apply these measures immediately. The Commission also suggests that in the interest of clarity and legal accuracy of the regulation it would be appropriate not to modify Regulation 2113/96/EC but to repeal it and propose a consolidated version of the text combining all the conservation measures in force. Most of the changes are concerned to take into account the TACs and fishing seasons established during the 1996 CCAMLR annual meeting and a few editorial changes. There are also a few procedural changes following notification, for the first time, that two Community fishing vessels intend to pursue fishing activities in the Antarctic area. It should be noted that the five new conservation measures adopted by CCAMLR on the initiation of new fisheries by Australia, South Africa and New Zealand have not been included in this proposal as they will not be exploited by Community fishermen. Regulation 2113/96/EC is therefore to be repealed and a new regulation adopted. ?

Fishing activities in the Antarctic: conservation and control measures

The committee adopted the report by Mrs Patricia McKENNA (V, Irl) on certain conservation and control measures applicable to fishing activities in the Antarctic. The report reiterates the importance of the role of and the measures taken by the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR). However, it stresses the serious risks caused by illegal fishing in this vast expanse and the difficulties of controlling activities and calls on the member countries of the CCAMLR to make provision for an international programme of observers which could complement the control action carried out by the CCAMLR.?

Fishing activities in the Antarctic: conservation and control measures

In adopting the report by Mrs Patricia McKENNA (V, Irl), the European Parliament has approved this proposal for a regulation. However, it calls on the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR) to follow a precautionary approach in its deliberations. In particular, Parliament is concerned about the extent of illegal fishing in the waters under CCAMLR management and notes the difficulties individual countries face in controlling these activities over such a vast expanse of ocean. In encouraging the countries involved to control the activities of their vessels more efficiently and to take measures to combat illegal fishing, it recommends the establishing of a vessel monitoring system (VMS) together with an international programme of observers, to be organized by the partner countries. ?

Fishing activities in the Antarctic: conservation and control measures

OBJECTIVE: to integrate the new conservation and control measures applicable to Community vessels fishing in the Antarctic following the decisions taken by the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR), of which the Community has been a member since 1982. **COMMUNITY MEASURE:** Council Regulation (EC) No 66/98 laying down certain conservation and control measures applicable to fishing activities in the Antarctic and repealing Regulation (EC) No 2113/96. **CONTENT:** the Regulation repeals and replaces Regulation (EC) No 2113/96 laying down certain conservation and control measures applicable to fishing activities in the Antarctic (cf. "fiche de procédure" CNS95252). It seeks to take account of a number of decisions taken in November 1996 by the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR), of which the Community has been a member since 1982, and to apply these measures to Community vessels fishing in the zone under CCAMLR management. It applies in particular to Community fishing vessels which catch fish from marine living resources in the zone south of latitude 60 degrees south and the zone between this latitude and the Antarctic convergence and preserve them on board. The measures mainly involve the fixing of TACs (total admissible catches) for certain species of fish defined in the regulation and for crab. They also cover the prohibition on directed fisheries for certain stocks, the catch reporting systems and other technical measures. Given that these measures are now compulsory for the members of the CCAMLR, the Community is required to transpose them into Community law as quickly as possible once they have been adopted for Community vessels. **ENTRY INTO FORCE:** 17 January 1998. ?