


Procedure file

Basic information		
INI - Own-initiative procedure	1998/2164(INI)	Procedure completed
Regionalization of the Common Fisheries Policy		
Subject 3.15 Fisheries policy		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	PECH Fisheries		29/09/1998
		UPE GALLAGHER Pat the Cope	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	REGI Regional Policy	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	

Key events			
17/07/1998	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
18/01/1999	Vote in committee		Summary
18/01/1999	Committee report tabled for plenary	A4-0018/1999	
24/02/1999	Debate in Parliament		
25/02/1999	Decision by Parliament	T4-0139/1999	Summary
25/02/1999	End of procedure in Parliament		
01/06/1999	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	1998/2164(INI)
Procedure type	INI - Own-initiative procedure
Procedure subtype	Initiative
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 54
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	PECH/4/10346

Documentation gateway					
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A4-0018/1999 OJ C 150 28.05.1999, p. 0003	18/01/1999	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T4-0139/1999 OJ C 153 01.06.1999, p. 0015-0045	25/02/1999	EP	Summary

Regionalization of the Common Fisheries Policy

The report by Pat the Cope GALLAGHER (UFE, Irl) on regionalisation of the common fisheries policy was adopted by the Committee. The report says that the main aims of a new regional fisheries policy should be to conserve resources for future generations and enable fisheries-dependent communities to continue to fish and to prosper from fishing. The committee believes a system is needed which takes account of the differences between the various fisheries-dependent areas. It also argues that fishermen-s support for fisheries regulations will improve if fishermen-s organisations are involved in the decision-making process. The report proposes the creation of a comprehensive series of regional management units, covering the EC-s regional seas, and says that these units can be given appropriate responsibilities and powers for making decisions concerning detailed management policies within the relevant areas. It also contends that the Commission must have ultimate responsibility, and powers through the Council, to ensure that all regional management regimes are sufficiently robust to ensure the long-term sustainability of stocks. The constitution of the regional management units should be defined geographically and professionally. They should ensure that fishermen who benefit from regional quotas land a percentage of their catch in the regions to which the quotas are allocated. They should also impose other obligations on fishermen to contribute to the economic well-being of fisheries-dependent areas. In addition, the rapporteur maintains that subsidiarity should apply within the CFP.

Regionalization of the Common Fisheries Policy

The Parliament adopted the resolution drafted by Mr. Pat the Cope Gallagher (UFE, IRL) concerning a new approach for fisheries policy, based on regionalisation, or taking more account of the needs of local fishermen. The Parliament voted through a number of amendments concerning the new fisheries policy, due to come into effect on 1 January 2003. One of these relates to the extension of local 12-mile limits to 24 miles. The resolution now also includes a request to Council and the Commission to enter into discussions with Parliament this year with a view to drawing up plans 'to enable the common fisheries policy to be regionalised following the 2002 review'.