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	PECH Fisheries		03/07/2002
		PPE-DE VARELA SUANZES-CARPEGNA Daniel	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	BUDG Budgets		20/06/2002
		PSE DÜHRKOP DÜHRKOP Bárbara	
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04/12/2002	Debate in Parliament		
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Committee of the Regions: opinion		CDR0189/2002 OJ C 128 29.05.2003, p. 0006-0013	12/02/2003	CofR	

Additional information

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Regulation 2002/2370 OJ L 358 31.12.2002, p. 0057-0059 Summary

Fishing vessels: emergency measure for scrapping

PURPOSE: Establishing emergency measures for the scrapping of fishing vessels. **CONTENT:** One of the key goals of the Common Fisheries Policy has been a reduction in the fishing fleet in order to align it with available resources. In spite of recent policy changes, reductions in the EU's fishing capacity remains modest. The EU's fishing fleet remains much too large for the size of stocks it is targeting. One of the reasons for this has been the provision that money for scrapping vessels has been exclusively channelled through the structural funds. This proposal seeks to address this shortcoming by offering money on a more targeted basis. To provide for extra scrapping premiums this proposal contains two key policies: - Firstly, it provides a derogation from the current FIG rules to allow a 20% increase in the amount of scrapping money vessel owners will be entitled to if they are severely affected by multi-annual management plans. - Secondly, it provides, (for the year 2003), a special incentive that would provide Member States with additional money required to co-finance this extra scrapping, on top of the Community budget already available through FIG. For the years 2004-2006, funds for the additional scrapping requirements (as laid down in this Regulation) would become available by reprogramming the Structural Funds, as foreseen in a mid-term review. The time-frame for this measure is limited to 2003-2006 in order to encourage vessel owners to decommission quickly. The money to be dedicated to decommissioning is EUR 663 million. The Commission estimates that the additional budget required for decommissioning for those vessels would amount to EUR 271,6 million.?

Fishing vessels: emergency measure for scrapping

The committee adopted the report by Daniel VARELA SUANZES-CARPEGNA (EPP-ED, E) amending the proposal under the consultation procedure. Although MEPs agreed with the proposed measures, they called on the Commission to propose new budget funding to support them. The committee rejected the idea of reprogramming existing funds, arguing that this would depend on voluntary acceptance by the Member States, which had already earmarked these funds for other purposes. MEPs also emphasised that the current financial perspective was insufficient to finance the emergency measures. Other amendments criticised the scientific basis for the Commission's plans, given that on some stocks there was no consensus, while for others there were simply no up-to-date reports. The committee therefore urged the Commission to make more use of TACs and measures to limit fishing effort, rather than scrapping, which was irreversible and had greater socio-economic effects on the communities concerned. ?

Fishing vessels: emergency measure for scrapping

The European Parliament adopted a resolution based on the report by Daniel VARELA SUANZES-CARPEGNA (EPP-ED, Spain) and made some amendments to the Commission's proposal. (Please refer to the document dated 12/11/02.) Parliament pointed out once again that not all Member States have implemented mechanisms for the regulation and adjustment of their fleet, and that the Commission has not performed the monitoring needed to ensure that they are put into effect. The financing of the Community measure requires additional funding from heading 2 of the financial perspective under the 2003 budget, which can only be provided by the mobilisation of additional appropriations.?

Fishing vessels: emergency measure for scrapping

PURPOSE : to reform the Common Fisheries Policy (Framework Regulation). COMMUNITY MEASURE : Council Regulation 2370/2002/EC establishing an emergency Community measure for scrapping fishing vessels; CONTENT : after lengthy and difficult discussions, the Council adopted the three proposals on the reform of the CFP (refer to CNS/2002/0114 and CNS/2002/0116). It should be noted that the German and the Swedish delegation voted against. The aims of the initial proposals were: - to improve the conservation of fish stocks by setting multi-annual management plans on the basis of sound scientific advice; the current management system is based on the fixation at the end of each year of TACs and quotas for the next year; - to tackle the over-capacity of the EU fleet by restricting public aid to measures concerning safety on board vessels which do not involve capacity in terms of tonnage or power; - to prevent the EU expansion of the fishing fleet, by withdrawing an equivalent capacity without public aid before introducing a new capacity; the current system of fleet reduction is based on MultiAnnual Guidance Programme (MAGP); - to address the social problems of fishermen who have to leave fishing by excluding public aid for the transfer of fishing vessels, including in the context of joint enterprises, aid for constructing new fishing vessels and to restrict the aid to modernisation of fishing vessels to improve safety on board; - to improve control and enforcement by creating a joint inspection structure; - to develop the involvement of stakeholders in the CFP by creating the Regional Advisory Councils (RACs) at local and regional levels. The adoption of these texts represents a major change in the Common Fisheries Policy, in particular with regard to: - the abolition of public aid for the renewal of the fleet after 31 December 2004; - the introduction of recovery plans for stocks below Safe Biological Limits and management plans for stocks of within safe biological limits; - increased premiums for the scrapping of vessels in order to achieve additional reductions in fishing effort resulting from recovery plans for the period 2003-2006. ENTRY INTO FORCE : 01/01/2003. ?