



Procedure file

Basic information		
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Inshore fishing and the problems encountered by inshore fishermen		
Subject		
3.15.04 Management of fisheries, fisheries, fishing grounds		
3.15.08 Fishing enterprises, fishermen, working conditions on board		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	PECH Fisheries	UEN Ó NEACHTAIN Seán	25/11/2004
European Commission	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	FEMM Women's Rights and Gender Equality	PSE RIERA MADURELL Teresa	25/01/2005
	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	Maritime Affairs and Fisheries		

Key events			
13/01/2005	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
19/04/2006	Vote in committee		Summary
26/04/2006	Committee report tabled for plenary	A6-0141/2006	
14/06/2006	Debate in Parliament		
15/06/2006	Results of vote in Parliament		
15/06/2006	Decision by Parliament	T6-0276/2006	Summary
15/06/2006	End of procedure in Parliament		

Technical information	
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Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	PECH/6/25355

Documentation gateway					
Committee opinion	FEMM	PE365.142	23/01/2006	EP	
Committee draft report		PE357.550	23/02/2006	EP	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE371.821	27/03/2006	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A6-0141/2006	26/04/2006	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T6-0276/2006	15/06/2006	EP	Summary
Commission response to text adopted in plenary		SP(2006)3310	12/07/2006	EC	
Commission response to text adopted in plenary		SP(2006)3311	01/08/2006	EC	

Inshore fishing and the problems encountered by inshore fishermen

The committee adopted the own-initiative report by Seán Ó NEACHTAIN (UEN, IRL) on inshore fishing and the problems encountered by inshore fishermen. The report underlined the sector's "vital contribution" not only to local economies but also to maintaining the social fabric of coastal communities and preserving cultural traditions and practices. It added that inshore fisheries "can and must" play a constructive role in the protection and conservation of the coastal marine environment.

The committee called for the creation of minimum criteria for a common definition at EU level of inshore fisheries, taking account of aspects such as the length of vessels, the distance from the home port within which the vessels operate, the maximum length of time during which the vessel is away from home, the fact of vessels returning to port daily and selling their catch fresh, etc. The Commission was urged to propose ways of harmonising data on inshore fisheries throughout the EU with a view to establishing a common definition.

Among other recommendations, the report called on the Commission to finance the modernisation of inshore fishery vessels, bring forward specific educational and training programmes, "so as to encourage the entry of young professionals into the sector" and ensure that any new inshore fisheries legislation pays special attention to establishing and maintaining a "safety culture". It also wanted to see greater recognition of the role of women in the inshore fisheries sector and ensure that their economic and social rights were guaranteed. Lastly, the committee said that it was essential for inshore fishermen and dependent communities to be more directly involved in processing and trading in order to strengthen their profit base and improve their living standards. And it reiterated Parliament's traditional position that the Commission should consult with the sector and ensure that it is actively involved "at the appropriate policy level in the decision-making process", with the Regional Advisory Councils playing an essential role in this context.

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The European Parliament adopted a resolution based on the own-initiative report drafted by Seán Ó NEACHTAIN (UEN, IRL) on inshore fishing and the problems encountered by inshore fishermen. (Please see the summary dated 19/04/2006.)