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Proposal for a
COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

laying down the measures for the conservation and
management of North Sea herring

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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Explanatory Memorandum

The Commission has made a careful assessment of the data at its disposal since the last meeting of the Council of 19 July 1977, concerning conservation measures to be implemented on the North Sea herring stock. The Commission can however only repeat the arguments already developed in its memorandum to the Council of 24.6.1977 (doc. COM (77) 306), and in consequence, proposes to continue the ban on herring fishing in the North Sea

In any case, while awaiting the results of the debate of 24/25 October in the Council on the common fisheries policy, the Commission proposes, for the present, to extend the ban on herring fishing in the North Sea until 31 October 1977.

Proposal
for Council Regulation (EEC) n° /77

laying down the interim measures for the conservation
and management of North Sea herring

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Regulation (EEC) n° 350/77 laying down certain interim measures for the conservation and management of fishery resources (1), modified in the last instance by Regulation (EEC) n° 1672/77 (2), and especially its article 1, paragraph 2,

Having regard to the proposal of the Commission,

Whereas the scientific estimates indicate that the extremely precarious situation of the North Sea herring stock persists; that, consequently, the interdiction on fishing for herring in the North Sea should be extended until 31 October 1977 while awaiting a re-examination of the situation;

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

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(1) O.J. n° L 48, 19.2.1977, p. 28.

(2) O.J. n° L 186, 26.7.1977, p. 27.

Article 1

The catch quotas authorized for direct fishing of the North Sea herring stock up to 31 October 1977 in sub-zones IV and division VII d defined by the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES) are fixed at zero for all Member States.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 October 1977.

This Regulation is obligatory in all its elements and is directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels,

For the Council,
The President.