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Report

drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture
on the proposal from the Commission of the European
Communities to the Council (Doc. 1-832/79)
for a regulation laying down for 1980 certain
measures for the conservation and management
of fishery resources applicable to vessels
flying the flag of Norway

Rapporteur: Mr E. WOLTJER

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By letter of 5 March 1980, the Council of the European Communities consulted the European Parliament pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a regulation laying down for 1980 certain measures for the conservation and management of fishery resources applicable to vessels flying the flag of Norway.

The President of the European Parliament referred this proposal to the Committee on Agriculture as the committee responsible.

At the plenary session on 14 March 1980, the Council asked for the application of urgent procedure pursuant to Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure.

At its meeting of 17/19 March 1980, the Committee on Agriculture appointed Mr Woltjer rapporteur.

It examined this proposal at its meeting of 17/19 March 1980 and the motion for a resolution was adopted unanimously.

Present: Sir Henry Plumb, chairman; Mr Fröh, vice-chairman; Mr Woltjer, rapporteur; Mr Battersby, Mr Blaney (deputizing for Mr Skovmand), Mr Bocklet, Miss Brookes (deputizing for Mr Kirk), Mr Costanzo (deputizing for Mr Diana), Mr Dalsass, Mr De Keersmaeker (deputizing for Mr Tolman), Mr Helms, Mr Key (deputizing for Mr Lynge), Mr Louwes (deputizing for Mr Caillavet), Mr Maher, Mr Mertens (deputizing for Mr Clinton), Mr d'Ormesson, Mr Provan and Mr Wettig.



The Committee on Agriculture hereby submits to the European Parliament the following motion for a resolution

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a regulation laying down for 1980 certain measures for the conservation and management of fishery resources applicable to vessels flying the flag of Norway

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(80) 49 final),
 - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 1-832/79),
 - having regard to the report by the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 1-39/80),
 - whereas fisheries agreements with Third Countries are essential to safeguard the future of the Community's fishing industry;
1. Points out that the European Parliament, consulted on 5 March 1980, has not been permitted sufficient time to consider fully the Commission's proposal and reminds the Commission and Council that the Parliament's opinion on the previous Norwegian allocation for 1979, was also adopted urgently, in March 1979;
 2. Requests that in future the Commission keep the European Parliament, by means of its Working Group on Fisheries, fully informed on the timetable, progress and main issues at stake in negotiations with Third Countries, and transmits for information the conclusions of Joint Working Groups established with Third Countries;

Requests, to this end, that the President of the European Parliament ensure that the Working Group on Fisheries has all the necessary facilities at its disposal, including the possibility of convoking meetings and contacts with interested parties, to enable it to carry out its important tasks;
 3. Notes that the total allowable catches for 1980 in Community waters have yet to be decided, and that the final decision on them may require a revision of the quotas allocated to Third Countries;

4. Notes that the catches allocated to Norway for certain stocks, and mackerel in particular, have been reduced, with others increased; Asks the Commission to clarify the impact of the negotiations on Community quotas in Norwegian waters;

5. Points out the importance of ensuring that both the Community and Norway provide adequate warning of any modifications to the arrangements governing access to their waters; and

Requests the Commission to take all measures necessary to ensure that fishing by Community vessels in Norwegian waters is not abruptly curtailed as happened in 1979;

6. Points out that the Norwegian authorities are considering the regulation of certain types of fishing gear (variable trawls) in Norwegian waters;

Requests the Commission to ensure that such measures do not jeopardize Community fishing operations in Norwegian waters;

7. Considers that insufficient attention has been paid to the interest of Greenland and Greenland fishermen in the allocation of quotas off Greenland to Third Countries, and in particular prawns to Norway and Salmon to Canada;

Requests therefore that the scale of these allocations, together with the way in which they are implemented, be reviewed before any final decision is taken;

8. Notes the Norwegian request for rights to catch whales in Community waters in 1980, and requests that a report be presented to the European Parliament before drawing up proposals.

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