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Report

drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture

on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for

- I. /a regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 754/80 of 26 March 1980 concerning, for certain fish stocks occurring in the Community fishing zone, the fixing for 1980 of the total allowable catches, the share available for the Community and the means of making the catches (Doc. 1-433/80)
together with a corrigendum and an amendment
- II. a regulation concerning the distribution among the Member States of the total catch possibilities available to the Community in 1980 of stocks or groups of stocks occurring in the Community fishing zone (Doc. 1-350/80)
as well as two amendments

Rapporteur : Mr Kent KIRK

By letter of 30 July 1980, the President of the Council of the European Communities requested the European Parliament, pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty, to deliver an opinion on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for

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On 27 August 1980, the President of the European Parliament referred these proposals to the Committee on Agriculture as the committee responsible.

On 24 September 1980, the Committee on Agriculture appointed Mr Kirk rapporteur.

It considered these proposals at its meetings of 25 September, 17 November and 18 November 1980.

At the latter meeting the committee adopted the motion for a resolution by sixteen votes to one with nine abstentions.

Present: Sir Henry Plumb, chairman; Mr Kirk, rapporteur; Miss Barbarella, Mr Battersby, Mrs Castle, Mr Clinton, Mr Colleselli, Mr Curry, Mr Davern, Mr Delatte, Mr Fanton, Mr Gautier, Mr Helms, Mr Hord, Mr Josselin (deputizing for Mr Sutra), Mrs Lentz-Cornette (deputizing for Mr Früh), Mr Lynge, Mr Maffre-Baugé, Mr Mertens (deputizing for Mr Bocklet), Mr d'Ormesson, Mr Provan, Ms Quin, Mr Skovmand, Mr Tolman, Mr Vitale and Mr Woltjer.

The explanatory statement to this report will be given orally.

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

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The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(80) 514 final + COM(80) 514 final/3 + COM(80) 637 final) (COM(80) 452 final + COM(80) 575 final + COM(80) 617 final),
 - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 1-350/80 and Doc. 1-433/80),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 1-597/80),
1. Is gratified to know that recent research has allowed the TACs for herring in the Skagerak and for haddock and whiting in the North Sea and west of Scotland/Rockall to be increased;
 2. Appeals to the Commission, in view of the increase in the North Sea herring stock, to propose a TAC for herring in the North Sea;
 3. Approves these increases, but points out that the scientific research, on the basis of which the TACs have been fixed for the individual sea area still uses the single-species principle;
 4. Regrets, however, that insufficient account is taken of the fishing industry's experience with regard to actual fish stocks, for example the lack of a total catch figure for Greenland.
 5. Believes that if fish stocks are to be exploited responsibly, conservation and resource policies must be based on the multi-species approach, so that the inter-relations and interdependence of the various species of fish are also taken into account in determining fishing activities;

- Notes that total allowable catches are determined exclusively on the basis of a fish biology report.
- Hopes that sufficient account will also be taken of technical economic considerations.
- Hopes, in other words, that sufficient account will be taken of the wishes of the fishing industry and of market requirements.

When the total allowable catch is being determined, TACs must also be laid down for each important species of fish, as the catch quota for herring cannot be increased by means of a high TAC for sprats.

- The principle of according priority to fish for consumption, which was recognized by the Commission, must be respected.
- The proportion of fish suitable for human consumption included in industrial catches must be identified;

6. Considers that the Community fisheries policy should be a true common policy and less nationally based, that the quota system may hold up this process, and therefore recommends that technical conservation measures such as mesh sizes, fish dimensions and rules on bi-catches should progressively supplement quotas as the principal instrument of fish-stock conservation;

7. Points out that, by taking 1973-78 as the datum for interpreting the Member States' traditional fishing pattern, the Commission ignores the restrictions on their traditional fishing patterns accepted by eight Member States under the Berlin Compromise of January 1978;

Preferential areas determined on the basis of the Council Decision of 3 November 1976 must bear a proportional part of the burden imposed by the lower potential catches resulting from the factors referred to above.

- Non-observation and overstepping of the quotas laid down by the NEAFC's international committees must not be used as a reason for allocating preferential quotas.

8. Considers and reiterates that the following three equally important criteria must be respected in allocating quotas to the Member States:

- (a) traditional and existing fishing patterns in Community waters;
- (b) appropriate priority for regions which are dependent on fishing;
- (c) adequate compensation for loss of catches in third country waters;

9. Believes that by aggregating various small fisheries with much bigger fisheries the Commission is not paying enough regard to the actual patterns of the fishing industry in the Member States, and is specifically hindering fishermen in their need to follow seasonal fish migration patterns from zone to zone;
10. Points out that, in converting the major fish species into cod equivalents the Commission has paid too little heed to market values. The Community's minimum prices for mackerel - phase I, II and III is 0.193 ECU, while the minimum price for herring, grade I, is 0.226 ECU. By converting into cod equivalents we arrive at values of 0.30 for mackerel and 0.80 for herring; considers therefore that the equivalent should be amended.
11. Believes that the Commission's proposal should to a greater degree reflect the fact that the structure of the Community's fishing fleet and the market for fish is closely adapted to traditional fishing patterns, to ensure the highest return for fish landed;
12. Welcomes the fact that some fish species for which no TACs need to be set on conservation grounds, may be freely fished by Community fishermen;
13. Requests the Commission to amend its proposals along the lines laid down in this motion for a resolution and to forward its amended proposal to Parliament for its opinion before submitting them to the Council.

TOTAL CATCHES (all areas)Average 1973-1977

| | |
|-----|---------|
| D | 466.4 |
| F | 798.7 |
| I | 406.7 |
| NL | 323.6 |
| B | 47.6 |
| UK | 1,065.4 |
| IRL | 91.3 |
| DK | 1,757.1 |
| EEC | 4,956.9 |

ATLANTIC COD

Average 1973-1977

| Area Zone | North Sea IV | West of Scotland VI | South and west of England and Ireland VII | Bay of Biscay VIII | Kattegat Skagerrak & Baltic III |
|--------------|-----------------|---------------------------|---|--------------------------|--|
| D | 20,412.8 | 8 | 0.2 | | 24,541 |
| F | 8,955.8 | 4,268.4 | 8,092.4 | 2,613 | - |
| I | - | - | - | | |
| NL | 24,957.6 | 6 | 148.6 | 24 | 168 |
| B | 9,477.8 | 74.0 | 627.0 | 9 | 53 |
| UK | 80,548.0 | 8,607.6 | 3,989.4 | | 25 |
| IRL | 46.8 | 986.4 | 4,360.0 | | - |
| DK | 48,872.0 | 1.4 | 1,068.8 | | 96,425 |
| Eur 9 | 193,186.4 | 13,947.2 | 18,286.4 | 2,646 | 121,212 |

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| Country | 1966 | 1967 | 1968 | 1969 | 1970 | 1971 | 1972 | 1973 | 1974 | 1975 | 1976 | 1977 |
|---------|-----------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | <u>ICELAND WATERS</u> | | | | | | | | | | | |
| D | 10,493 | 14,348 | 27,956 | 18,125 | 26,334 | 27,007 | 11,670 | 6,839 | 5,554 | 2,266 | 2,970 | 1,598 |
| F | 100 | 375 | 124 | 124 | 1,852 | 1,532 | - | - | 203 | 23 | - | - |
| I | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| NL | 78 | - | - | 22 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| B | 2,987 | 2,367 | 3,488 | 2,716 | 2,960 | 2,972 | 2,471 | 1,110 | 1,128 | 1,269 | 956 | 1,408 |
| UK | 113,887 | 130,173 | 114,403 | 99,382 | 130,508 | 161,855 | 147,188 | 122,277 | 117,539 | 92,897 | 54,320 | - |
| IRL | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| DK | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| EUR 9 | 127,545 | 147,263 | 145,971 | 120,369 | 161,654 | 193,366 | 161,329 | 130,226 | 124,424 | 96,455 | 58,246 | 3,006 |
| Total | 357,397 | 343,973 | 379,457 | 405,168 | 470,757 | 453,010 | 398,528 | 379,885 | 374,770 | 371,014 | 348,363 | 340,053 |
| | <u>FAROES WATERS</u> | | | | | | | | | | | |
| D | 689 | 845 | 1,562 | 403 | 443 | 580 | 451 | 310 | 292 | 458 | 247 | 332 |
| F | 1,120 | 871 | 2,519 | 2,557 | 2,616 | 820 | 224 | 1,472 | 567 | 1,612 | 1,607 | 1,669 |
| I | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| NL | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | - | - | - | 60 | 36 | 2 |
| B | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 9 | - |
| UK | 12,726 | 16,542 | 15,620 | 18,966 | 13,497 | 12,587 | 9,502 | 11,835 | 11,727 | 11,906 | 9,459 | 4,889 |
| IRL | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| DK | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| EUR 9 | 14,535 | 18,258 | 19,701 | 21,926 | 16,556 | 13,989 | 10,177 | 13,617 | 12,586 | 14,036 | 11,358 | 6,892 |
| Total | 22,936 | 26,743 | 34,150 | 38,127 | 32,039 | 27,624 | 22,586 | 27,427 | 26,633 | 38,892 | 42,129 | 36,883 |

HADDOCK
Average 1973-1977

| Area Zone | North Sea IV | West of Scotland VI | South and west of England and Ireland VII | Kattegat Skagerrak & Baltic III | Bay of Biscay VIII |
|--------------|-----------------|---------------------------|---|--|--------------------------|
| D | 3,527.6 | 11.2 | 0.8 | 6 | - |
| F | 5,155.0 | 3,771.4 | 5,971.2 | - | 200 |
| I | - | - | - | - | - |
| NL | 2,289.4 | 61.8 | 9 | 29 | - |
| B | 2,038.0 | 48.8 | 79.8 | 60 | - |
| UK | 93,565.2 | 15,245.0 | 239.8 | 28 | - |
| IRL | 16.8 | 1,335.2 | 877.6 | - | - |
| DK | 31,471.6 | 2.6 | 0.4 | 5,330 | - |
| EUR 9 | 138,063.6 | 20,476.0 | 7,178.6 | 5,455 | 200 |

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Average 1973-1977

| Area Zone | North Sea IV | West of Scotland VI | South and west of England and Ireland VII | Kattegat Skaqerrak and Baltic III | Bay of Biscay VIII |
|--------------|-----------------|---------------------------|---|---|--------------------------|
| D | 23,302 | 512 | 4 | 54 | - |
| F | 31,477 | 21,710 | 3,910 | - | 247 |
| NL | 9,207 | 324 | 83 | 2 | - |
| B | 77 | 109 | 30 | 8 | - |
| UK | 15,577 | 9,367 | 656 | 13 | - |
| IRL | 49 | 275 | 1,034 | - | - |
| DK | 28,473 | - | 1 | 14,322 | - |
| EUR 9 | 108,458 | 32,527 | 5,716 | 14,820 | 247 |

WHITING

Average 1973-1977

| Area Zone | North Sea IV | West of Scotland VI | South and west of England and Ireland VII | Kattegat Skagerrak & Baltic III | Bay of Biscay VIII |
|--------------|-----------------|---------------------------|---|--|--------------------------|
| D | 413.2 | 54.2 | 5.8 | 129 | - |
| F | 19,481.2 | 3,127 | 16,363.4 | - | 1,668 |
| I | - | - | - | - | - |
| NL | 11,325.2 | 99.6 | 707.6 | 17 | - |
| B | 3,147.4 | 6 | 312.0 | 3 | - |
| UK | 31,967.4 | 12,012.2 | 4,664 | 1 | - |
| IRL | 2.6 | 2,596.8 | 6,141.8 | - | - |
| DK | 81,782.4 | 24.2 | 3.6 | 23,199 | - |
| EUR 9 | 148,119.4 | 17,920.0 | 28,198.2 | 23,329 | 1,668 |

HAKEAverage 1973-1977

| Area Zone | North Sea IV | West of Scotland VI | South and west of England and Ireland VII | Kattegat Skagerrak & Baltic III | Bay of Biscay VIII |
|-----------|-----------------|---------------------------|---|--|--------------------------|
| D | 119 | - | - | - | - |
| F | 433 | 2,436 | 10,001 | - | 7,574 |
| N | 146 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 |
| B | 86 | 2 | 256 | 5 | 2 |
| UK | 501 | 1,442 | 442 | 2 | - |
| IRL | - | 5 | 559 | - | - |
| DK | 839 | - | - | - | - |
| EUR 9 | 2,125 | 3,906 | 10,819 | 1,016 | 7,577 |

HERRINGAverage 1973-1977

| | IV | VI | VII | III | VIII |
|-------|---------|---------|--------|---------|------|
| D | 4,888 | 9,185 | 1,015 | 8,550 | - |
| F | 6,685 | 1,469 | 11,371 | - | 921 |
| N | 23,822 | 19,297 | 12,807 | - | - |
| B | 1,336 | 2 | 10 | - | - |
| UK | 17,700 | 83,324 | 19,296 | - | - |
| IRL | - | 10,360 | 20,213 | - | - |
| DK | 94,436 | 545 | n.a. | 100,140 | - |
| EUR 9 | 148,867 | 124,076 | 65,183 | 108,690 | 921 |

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Average 1973-1977

| Area Zone | North Sea IV | West of Scotland VI | South and west of England & Ireland VII | Kattegat Skagerrak and Baltic III | Bay of Biscay VIII |
|--------------|-----------------|---------------------------|---|---|--------------------------|
| D | 4,360 | - | - | 313 | - |
| F | 701 | 14 | 2,556 | - | 355 |
| NL | 50,489 | 3 | 146 | 3,222 | - |
| B | 5,922 | 2 | 618 | 313 | 1 |
| UK | 28,294 | 962 | 3,456 | 1 | - |
| IRL | - | 356 | 1,272 | - | - |
| DK | 22,465 | - | 17 | 20,738 | - |
| EUR 9 | 112,931 | 1,338 | 8,065 | 24,588 | 356 |

SOLE

Average 1973 - 1977

| | IV | VI | VII | III | VIII |
|-------|--------|----|-------|-----|-------|
| D | 250 | - | - | 13 | - |
| F | 330 | 4 | 1,207 | - | 2,571 |
| NL | 13,677 | - | 328 | 88 | 24 |
| B | 1,425 | - | 1,720 | - | 18 |
| UK | 441 | 12 | 957 | 1 | - |
| IRL | - | 23 | 187 | - | - |
| DK | 653 | - | - | 438 | - |
| EUR 9 | 16,474 | 41 | 4,533 | 549 | 2,613 |

