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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. 1-525/80) for a regulation introducing a tax on catches of salmon in the Baltic Sea by Community vessels

Rapporteur: Mrs Joyce QUIN

By letter of 23 October 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 proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a regulation introducing a tax on catches of salmon in the Baltic Sea by Community vessels.

The President of the European Parliament referred this proposal to the Committee on Agriculture as the committee responsible and to the Committee on Budgets for its opinion.

The Committee on Agriculture appointed Ms Quin rapporteur.

It considered this proposal at its meeting of 26-28 November 1980.

At the same meeting the committee adopted the motion for a resolution unanimously.

Present: Mr Früh, acting chairman and vice-chairman, Ms Quin, rapporteur; Miss Barbarella, Mr Battersby, Mr Clinton, Mr Colleselli, Mr Curry, Mr Dalsass, Mr Gatto, Mr Gautier, Mr Helms, Mr Jürgens, Mr Maher, Mr Nielsen, Mr d'Ormesson, Mr Sutra and Mr Vernimmen.

The explanatory statement will be presented orally by the rapporteur.

The opinion of the Committee on Budgets is attached.



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 introducing a tax on catches of salmon in the Baltic Sea by Community vessels

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council¹
 - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 1-525/80),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture and the opinion of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 1-658/80),
 - having regard to the Commission's initial proposal for a fee for permits to catch salmon in Swedish waters (Doc. 1-449/79) and the report of the European Parliament (Doc. 1-717/79),
1. Welcomes the decision of the Commission to revise its proposal along the lines laid down in the report of the European Parliament on the initial proposal;
 2. Approves therefore the Commission's proposal;
 3. Reminds the Commission, at the same time, of the request that greater information should be included on the manner of calculation of the costs of the Swedish salmon reproduction schemes to be passed on to Community fishermen.

¹OJ No. C 280, of 30.10.1980, p.4

OPINION OF THE COMMITTEE ON BUDGETS

Letter from the chairman of the committee to Sir Henry Plumb, chairman of the Committee on Agriculture

Brussels, 9 December 1980

Subject: Proposal for a Council Regulation (EEC) introducing a tax on catches of salmon in the Baltic Sea by Community vessels (COM(80) 558 final)

Dear Mr Chairman,

The Committee on Budgets considered the abovementioned proposal for a regulation at its meeting of 3/4 December 1980.

The committee was pleased to note that in this proposal the Commission has adopted many of the recommendations contained in an opinion of the European Parliament on an earlier Commission proposal in which Parliament had suggested appropriate regulations. The committee is therefore able to support the Commission's proposal.

The Committee on Budgets would however ask the Committee on Agriculture to examine the formula proposed by the Commission for calculating the tax on salmon catches in the Baltic Sea since there is a danger that, in the case of small catch quotas, this formula might result in a disproportionately high tax for Community fishermen.

In this connection the salmon catch quota of 1,453 t indicated by the Commission for Community fishermen also needs to be examined.

Yours sincerely,

Erwin Lange

Present: Mr Lange, chairman; Mr Notenboom, vice-chairman; Mr Ansquer, Mr Fich, Mr Flanagan, Mr Forth, Mrs Hoff, Mr R. Jackson, Mr Motchane, Mr Newton-Dunn, Mr Pfennig, Mrs Scrivener, Mr Simonnet, Mr J.M. Taylor and Mr Tuckman

