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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. 1-35/80) for a regulation laying down for 1980 certain measures for the conservation and management of fishery resources applicable to vessels flying the flag of Sweden

Rapporteur: Mr E. WOLTJER

By letter of 14 March 1980 the President of the Council of the European Communities requested the European Parliament, pursuant to Article 43 of the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, to deliver an opinion 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 Sweden.

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

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

By letter of 3 March 1980 and at the plenary sitting of 14 April 1980 the Council requested that urgent procedure be applied pursuant to Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure. This was approved by the European Parliament on 15 April 1980.

The Committee on Agriculture considered this proposal at its meeting of 15 April 1980 and unanimously adopted the motion for a resolution.

Present: Mr Fröh, vice-chairman and acting chairman; Mr Woltjer, rapporteur; Mr Battersby, Mr Buchou, Mr Clinton, Mr Colleselli, Mr Curry, Mr Helms, Mrs Herklotz, Mr Howell, Mr Maffre-Baugé, Mr Martin (deputizing for Mr Pranchère), Miss Quin, Mr Sutra and Mr Tolman.

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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 Sweden

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. 1-35/80),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 1-102/80),

Whereas, joint stock management and conservation measures with third countries are essential to safeguard the future of the Community's fishing industry,

1. Approves the Commission's proposal;
2. Points out, at the same time, that for some premium species, quota allocations granted to Sweden have been reduced in relation to quotas granted in 1979;
3. Requests the Commission to clarify the impact of reduction of quotas allocated to Sweden upon the quotas to be allocated to Community vessels in Swedish waters;
4. Notes that the Swedish Government has stated that unless a mutual inspection system is introduced before 1 July 1980, it is free to take the necessary measures;
5. Requests that the Commission ensures that the ability of Community fishermen to catch quotas allocated in Swedish waters is in no way impeded;
6. Points out that Sweden requires the financial contribution for salmon reproduction to be raised from 2,000,000 crowns to 2,920,000 in 1980, and that if this sum is not transferred by 1 June 1980 that Sweden will take appropriate measures;
7. Considers that Community salmon fishermen in the Baltic cannot be asked to bear the cost of any additional financial contribution, given the economic difficulties facing this sector; and
8. Requests that the Commission ensure that the absence of a budget for 1980 has no affect on the access of Community salmon fishermen to Swedish waters.

¹OJ No. C 67, 18.3.80, p.3.

ANNEX

Fishing quotas

(tonnes)

Species	Area within which fishing is authorized	Quantity 1979	Quantity proposed 1980
Cod	ICES IIIc, d	3,500	
	ICES IIIb,c,d		1,500
	Skagerrak	2,000	1,000
	Kattegat	6,000	4,600
	ICES IV	200	400
Haddock	Skagerrak & Kattegat	1,800	
	Skagerrak		2,500
	ICES IV	200	600
Whiting	Skagerrak	400	400
	Kattegat	1,200	1,000
	ICES IV	50	100
Plaice	Skagerrak	400	400
	Kattegat	1,200	1,000
	ICES IV	20	
Flatfish	ICES IV		80
Mackerel	ICES IV	800	3,750
	Skagerrak & Kattegat	1,000	
	Skagerrak		1,350
Sprat	ICES IV	3,000	8,750
	Skagerrak & Kattegat	17,000	
	Skagerrak		18,000
Blue whiting	ICES IV, VI	4,000	4,000
Herring	Skagerrak	4,000	3,450
	Kattegat	14,750	17,500
	ICES IIIc, d	4,000	
	ICES IIIb, c, d		3,000
	ICES IV	p.m.	p.m.
Ling	ICES IV, VI	400	400
Salmon	ICES IIIc, d	20	
	ICES IIIb, c, d		25