

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Proposal for a
COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)
prohibiting fishing for
Norwegian pout

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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Explanatory Memorandum

Following its session of the 19th July 1977, the Council met to re-examine the regime applicable to fishing for Norway Pout from 15 October 1977.

The Commission proposes to submit its proposals on the protection of juvenile fish originating from stocks of demersal species, these proposals to be elaborated in the light of the scientific report which the Commission has invited the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea to establish.

For this reason, the Commission proposes that the ban on fishing for Norway Pout be extended until 31.10.1977.



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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) N° 350/77 of 18 February 1977 ,
laying down certain interim measures for the conservation and management
of fishery resources (1), as last amended by Regulation (EEC) N° /77 (2)
and in particular Article 5 (2) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas, during fishing of Norwegian pout for industrial purposes, a
high proportion of immature fish of demersal species are caught as by-
catches;

Whereas Article 5 (2) of Regulation (EEC) N° 350/77 provides for the
adoption of measures on fishing for Norwegian pout; whereas, in implemen-
tation of that Regulation, Council Regulation (EEC) N° 1673/77 of 25 July 1977
(3) prohibited fishing for Norwegian pout until 15 October 1977 in part of
the North Sea situated to the North East of the United Kingdom; whereas
for the immediate future, pending a re-examination of the situation on the
basis of the scientific information available, this prohibition should be
extended until 31 October 1977;

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

(1) O.J. N° L 48, 19.2.1977, p. 28.

(2) O.J. N° L

(3) O.J. N° L 186, 26.7.1977, p. 30.

Article 1

Fishing for Norwegian pout is hereby forbidden from 16 to 31 October 1977 in that part of the North Sea bounded by a line joining the following points :

- east coast of the United Kingdom at 56° 00' latitude North,
- 56° 00' latitude North - 00° 00' longitude,
- 60° 00' latitude North - 00° 00' longitude,
- 60° 00' latitude North - 04° 00' longitude West,
- coast of the United Kingdom at 04° 00' longitude West.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 16 October 1977.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels,

For the Council,
The President.