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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on combating damage to the marine environment and fish stocks caused by
ghost nets

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on combating damage to the marine environment and fish stocks caused by ghost nets

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
 - A. whereas ghost nets include all fishing gear lost in storms or strong currents or when they become tangled;
 - B. whereas these nets continue for years to capture many species of fish (wild salmon, tuna, swordfish, sharks) and also marine mammals, turtles and birds;
 - C. whereas these ghost nets harm the marine environment and fish stocks and sometimes pose a threat to vessel safety;
 - D. whereas fishing nets today are composed of highly resistant synthetic materials;
 - 1. Calls on the Commission to subsidise the development of sustainable fishing equipment made from biodegradable components;
 - 2. Calls on the Commission to provide financial incentives to encourage fishermen to retrieve ghost nets they have lost or come across by chance while out at sea;
 - 3. Calls on the Member States to equip their ports with the facilities to collect and dispose of obsolete or damaged fishing equipment;
 - 4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution, together with the names of the signatories, to the Commission, the Council and the Member States.