

ORAL QUESTION H-0921/05
for Question Time at the part-session in November 2005
pursuant to Rule 109 of the Rules of Procedure
by Carlos Iturgaiz Angulo
to the Commission

Subject: Anchovy fishing situation in the Bay of Biscay

The European Commission is expected to present in November or early December its proposal on TACs and fishing quotas for 2006, in which it must give its opinion on whether or not the suspension of anchovy fishing in the Bay of Biscay should be continued.

Does the European Commission have any information at this point on changes in the situation in those fishing grounds as a result of the suspension introduced this year and on the outlook for 2006?

Does it feel that a definitive decision on anchovy fishing in those fishing grounds should be taken at the Council of Ministers meeting in December, or would it be advisable to wait for the scientific reports next spring?

Tabled: 20.10.2005
es