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## **MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION**

further to Questions for Oral Answer B7-0038/2012 and B7-0029/2012

pursuant to Rule 115(5) of the Rules of Procedure

on the common fisheries policy and the production of public goods  
(2011/2899(RSP))

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**B7-0066/2012**

**European Parliament resolution on the common fisheries policy and the production of public goods (2011/2899(RSP))**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the Communication from the Commission entitled ‘Europe 2020’ (COM(2010)2020),
  - having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 2371/2002 of 20 December 2002 on the conservation and sustainable exploitation of fisheries resources under the common fisheries policy<sup>1</sup>,
  - having regard to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982,
  - having regard to the FAO Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries, adopted on 31 October 1995,
  - having regard to Rules 115(5) and 110(2) of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the European fishing sector is key to the social and economic development of European coastal regions;
- B. whereas the fishing sector in the European Union generates a great number of jobs not only in the fishing industry but also in related industries such as pharmaceutical, cosmetics, tourism and sports;
- C. whereas the fisheries sector has a multi-functional dimension through which it provides coastal communities with a wide variety of public goods that are beneficial to European citizens in general;
- D. whereas the European fishing sector is the fourth largest in the world, providing 6.4 million tonnes of fish each year;
- E. whereas the EU has the world’s largest maritime area, comprising 1200 ports, and the world’s largest merchant fleet;
- F. whereas the reformed common fisheries policy (CFP) should improve the well-being of EU citizens through the development of the fisheries sector in Europe;
1. Stresses that the European fisheries sector, and especially the small scale fisheries, positively influence developments in a number of areas indirectly related to fisheries, such as culture, education, the recreational and touristic sector, scientific development and environmental protection, among others;

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 358, 31.12.2002. p. 59.

2. Stresses that interests of all relevant stakeholders, including fishermen, non-governmental organisations, the processing industry, etc., should be taken into account while establishing the new CFP;
3. Calls on the Commission to take into due account the full integration of the fisheries sector into the Europe 2020 strategy, especially in the context of an inclusive growth promoted in the document;
4. Stresses that the reformed CFP should be closely linked to other EU key initiatives in the area of maritime affairs, especially to the communication from the Commission entitled 'Conclusions from the Consultation on a European Maritime Policy' (COM(2007) 574 final);
5. Stresses that fisheries management should be increasingly based on reliable scientific data which shall enable more efficient long-term management of fish stocks;
6. Calls on the Commission to acknowledge the multi-functionality of the fisheries sector and the value of its wide and diverse production of public goods, adopting a holistic approach to the sector, particularly in the realm of the CFP reform;
7. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission, the governments and parliaments of the Member States, producer organisations and the European fishing industries.