

WRITTEN QUESTION E-3810/08  
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to the Commission

Subject: Exceeding of Community quotas for bluefin tuna and closure of fishery

What scientific and technical bases does the Commission have to justify its decision to prematurely close bluefin tuna fishery in the Mediterranean, and for announcing that fishery quotas in France have been exhausted?

Has the Commission given any thought to the economic and social flanking measures that would be needed in this hard-hit sector, which is already in crisis, should this decision remain in place?