

Question for written answer E-000589/2022
to the Commission
Rule 138
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Subject: Impact of climate change on fisheries and aquaculture

Tackling climate change is a top priority under the Green Deal, EU climate law (regulation) and the Fit for 55 package. The full impact of rising temperatures on the marine environment and, more particularly, aquaculture and fisheries, is already being felt.

Under Article 3(4) of Commission Regulation (EU) No 1388/2014 of 16 December 2014, 'natural disasters' are defined as earthquakes, avalanches, landslides and floods, tornadoes, hurricanes, volcanic eruptions and wild fires of natural origin. However, the natural disasters listed, most of which are due to climate change, do not include heat waves and rising sea temperatures, which have inflicted significant damage on aquaculture and fisheries. Nor do they include frosts, which are equally harmful to these activities and are now occurring with increased frequency as one of the extreme weather events conditioned by the climate crisis.

Given that Commission can easily amend its own regulation:

Can it say how it plans to address the above problem affecting the marine environment and when it intends to amend the regulation?