

ORAL QUESTION H-0085/09
for Question Time at the part-session in March I 2009
pursuant to Rule 109 of the Rules of Procedure
by Esko Seppänen
to the Commission

Subject: Recreational fishing

The Commission is drawing up a proposal for a regulation whereby people who fish in their free time would have to report their catches to the authorities if the fish in question weighed more than 15 kg. The proposal is absurd, and those who are drafting it have no understanding whatsoever of life in the northern Member States and its closeness to nature and nature's bounties. Does the Commission really intend to make itself a laughing-stock and at the same time bring the scrutiny of an inquisition to bear on the Nordic way of life by imposing a notification requirement as regards fish caught by amateur anglers?

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