

ORAL QUESTION H-0248/09
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to the Commission

Subject: Extermination of small and medium-sized fishing enterprises and self-employed fishermen

The EU's Common Fisheries Policy, which is directed against the interests of the people, is being made even more reactionary by the proposal for a Council Regulation establishing a Community control system for ensuring compliance with the rules of the Common Fisheries Policy (COM(2008)0721). The Common Fisheries Policy has encountered strong opposition from fishermen's representative organisations, since it tends towards supporting major business concerns: it announces another 'binge' for the monopolistic business interests in the sector and erodes the rights of small and medium-sized fishing enterprises. It will increase prices of fisheries products for workers and wipe out small and medium-sized fishing enterprises and self-employed fishermen. At the same time, it fails to take any measures whatsoever to check marine pollution from fish-farming, industrial, urban, agricultural, shipping and military waste.

What is the Commission's view on these issues and on the justified reaction of fishermen?

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