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AMENDMENTS 14-17

Draft report (PE 388.371v01-00)

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Proposal for a Council regulation establishing a multi-annual plan for the cod stocks in the Baltic Sea and the fisheries exploiting those stocks

Proposal for a regulation (COM(2006)0411 – C6-0281/2006 – 2006/0134(CNS))

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendments by Parliament

Amendment by Carl Schlyter

Amendment 14 Recital 3 a (new)

(3a) Whereas according to the latest information from ICES, approximately 35-45% of the cod landed in the eastern Baltic Sea is caught illegally;

Or. en

Justification

This is the figure given by Hans Lassen of ICES during a presentation to the Fisheries Committee in February 2007.

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Amendment by Carl Schlyter

Amendment 15 Recital 3 b (new)

(3b) Whereas according to the FAO International Plan of Action on IUU Fishing: "States should take measures to ensure that their importers, transshippers, buyers, consumers, equipment suppliers, bankers, insurers, other services suppliers and the public are aware of the detrimental effects of doing business with vessels identified as engaged in IUU fishing";

Or. en

Justification

Citation from Paragraph 73 of the FAO Plan of Action on IUU Fishing.

Amendment by Carl Schlyter

Amendment 16 Article 4, paragraph 1

The plan shall ensure the sustainable exploitation of the cod stocks concerned by gradually reducing and maintaining the fishing mortality rates at levels no lower than:

- 1. The plan shall aim to increase the quantities of mature fish to values equal to or greater than:
- 23,000 tonnes for the cod stock in Subdivisions 22 to 24, and
 160,000 tonnes for the cod stock in Subdivisions 25 to 32.

Or. en

Justification

ICES has defined the lowest acceptable limit for stock size (Blim) for cod in subdivisions 25-32 as 160,000 tonnes but has not defined that limit for subdivisions 22-24, so the precautionary limit (Bpa) of 23,000 tonnes is used for that stock instead. ICES has also stated that a fishing mortality of 0.3 to 0.6 for subdivisions 22-24 and 0.3 for subdivisions 25-32 would result in a low risk to reproduction and high long-term yields, so mortality should be kept below those levels.

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Amendment by Carl Schlyter

Amendment 17 Article 4, paragraph 2, points 1 and 2

- 2. Where ICES determines that these target levels have been reached, the plan shall also ensure the sustainable exploitation of the cod stocks concerned by maintaining the fishing mortality rates at levels no greater than:
- 1) 0.6 on ages 3 to 6 years for the cod stock in Subdivisions 22, 23 and 24, and
- 2) 0.3 on ages 4 to 7 years for the cod stock in Subdivisions 25 to 32.

Or. en

Justification

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2) 0.3 on ages 4 to 7 years for the cod stock

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