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## AMENDMENTS 1-27

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On more environmentally-friendly fishing methods  
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Motion for a resolution

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Amendment by Pedro Guerreiro

Amendment 1  
Recital A a (new)

***Aa. whereas the sustainability of fishing resources is essential for guaranteeing fishing activity and the viability of the fisheries sector in the long term,***

Or. pt

Amendment by Pedro Guerreiro

Amendment 2  
Recital A b (new)

***Ab. whereas fishermen and their representative associations should be involved in determining measures to protect the marine environment and rebuild depleted stocks,***

Or. pt

Amendment by Pedro Guerreiro

Amendment 3  
Recital A c (new)

***Ac. whereas appropriate socio-economic measures should be introduced to provide fishermen with compensation for the costs of reductions in work connected with the plans to rebuild depleted stocks,***

Or. pt

Amendment by Pedro Guerreiro

Amendment 4  
Paragraph 1

1. ***Notes*** the Commission's Communication on the promotion of more environmentally-friendly fishing methods;

Or. pt

Amendment by Pedro Guerreiro

Amendment 5  
Paragraph 1 a (new)

***1a. Considers that decentralisation and co-management are two principles which are fundamental in guaranteeing the involvement of fishermen and their representative associations in measures to protect the marine environment and rebuild fish stocks, and in guaranteeing the effectiveness of such measures, bearing in mind that it is the fishermen and their associations who will be applying such measures, who have first-hand knowledge of the state of resources and who are most concerned to ensure their preservation;***

Or. pt

Amendment by Pedro Guerreiro

Amendment 6  
Paragraph 1 b (new)

***1b. Points out that cutbacks cannot be a means of reducing fishing with a view to rebuilding fishing stocks, since this rebuilding process is meaningful only if it is used to guarantee the future of the fishing industry;***

Or. pt

Amendment by Pedro Guerreiro

Amendment 7  
Paragraph 1 c (new)

- 1c. Reminds the Commission that it should take a more wide-ranging view of measures to protect the marine environment and rebuild depleted stocks, in particular by considering and studying other factors which have a considerable impact on the marine environment and the state of resources, such as coastal and offshore pollution, industrial and agricultural effluents, deep-sea dredging and maritime transport, to complement current management methods;**

Or. pt

Amendment by Pedro Guerreiro

Amendment 8  
Paragraph 1 d (new)

- 1d. Emphasises that all technical measures to protect the marine environment and rebuild depleted fish stocks should be based on scientific fishing research;**

Or. pt

Amendment by Iles Braghetto, Francesco Musotto, Giorgio Carollo

Amendment 9  
Paragraph 2

- 2. Believes this to be an important step in achieving ecologically sustainable management of fisheries in order to reduce the impact of fishing on marine environment, while recognising that a certain level of impact by fishing is unavoidable within reasonable limits; recalls also that pollution certainly has a greater impact on fisheries than overfishing and non-sustainable fishing methods: it has now been scientifically demonstrated that some pollutants cause serious damage at various stages of the trophic chain, with serious consequences for commercial species which would need to be protected;**

Or. it

Amendment by Pedro Guerreiro

Amendment 10

Paragraph 3

3. Believes that while ecological considerations are of major concern, **(deletion)** fisheries management policies must not be used to further penalise economically and socially vital fishing operations;;

Or. pt

Amendment by Iles Braghetto, Francesco Musotto, Giorgio Carollo

Amendment 11

Paragraph 4

4. Points out that it is essential to achieve a balance between socio-economic exigencies and environmental sustainability, while underlining the need to activate a mechanism for subsidising or compensating fishermen who are affected by the negative effects of environmentally-friendly fishing, particularly those active in less developed areas; ***reiterates that mechanisms for achieving a socio-economic balance in the sector based on subsidies or compensation cannot attain the desired results and that provision should instead be made for genuine conversion projects supported by the establishment of a credit fund to programme and support alternative activities;***

Or. it

Amendment by Pedro Guerreiro

Amendment 12

Paragraph 4

4. Points out that it is essential to achieve a balance between socio-economic exigencies and environmental sustainability, while underlining the need to activate a mechanism for subsidising or compensating fishermen who are affected by the negative effects of environmentally-friendly fishing, particularly those active in less developed areas; ***urges the Commission to submit measures to provide socio-economic compensation, with a guarantee of Community funding, for plans to rebuild depleted fish stocks;***

Or. pt

Amendment by Ioannis Gklavakis

Amendment 13

Paragraph 5

5. Calls for the adoption of technical methods, *for each threatened species separately, in order* to improve selectivity and, therefore, the possibility to catch fish at the right size, in order to maintain high productivity;

Or. el

Amendment by Ioannis Gklavakis

Amendment 14

Paragraph 6

6. Points out that only by *ensuring that* fish (*deletion*) spawn and develop for a minimum specific period can the satisfactory reproduction of fish be made possible;

Or. el

Amendment by Pedro Guerreiro

Amendment 15

Paragraph 7

7. Emphasises the need to limit any significantly negative impact of fishing on marine habitats through (*deletion*) real time area closures and other appropriate and balanced management measures;

Or. pt

Amendment by Elspeth Attwooll

Amendment 16

Paragraph 7

7. Emphasises the need to limit any significantly negative impact of fishing on marine *biodiversity* through the establishment of marine reserves, real time area closures and other appropriate and balanced management measures;

Or. en

Amendment by Ioannis Gklavakis

Amendment 17

Paragraph 7

7. Emphasises the need to limit any significantly negative impact of fishing on marine habitats through the establishment of marine reserves, real time area closures and other appropriate and balanced management measures, ***which are implemented stringently at least until the marine habitats have returned to safe biological levels;***

Or. en

Amendment by Elspeth Attwooll

Amendment 18

Paragraph 7 a (new)

- 7a. ***Expresses particular concern over the issue of ghost fishing and urges the Commission to take all appropriate short and long term action to combat the issue, including the close monitoring of the effectiveness of any provisions that are adopted at EU level;***

Or. en

Amendment by Elspeth Attwooll

Amendment 19

Paragraph 8

8. Highlights the necessity of reducing discards, which produce detrimental biological effects as well as ***(deletion)*** negative economic ***impacts***, through the adoption of ***appropriate*** technical measures, ***such as*** closed seasons, prohibited zones and mesh size regulations;

Or. en

Amendment by Ioannis Gklavakis

Amendment 20

Paragraph 8

8. Highlights the necessity of reducing discards, which produce detrimental biological effects as well as a negative economic impact through the adoption of proper technical measures, closed seasons, prohibited zones and mesh size regulations, ***taking account***

*of the particular features of each marine area in which the technical conservation measures are implemented;*

Or. el

Amendment by Pedro Guerreiro

Amendment 21  
Paragraph 8

8. Highlights the necessity of reducing discards, which produce detrimental biological effects as well as a negative economic impact through the adoption of proper technical measures, closed seasons, prohibited zones and mesh size regulations, ***based on scientific fishing research***;

Or. pt

Amendment by Elspeth Attwooll

Amendment 22  
Paragraph 9 a (new)

- 9a. Suggests in particular that the option of discard bans accompanied by appropriate incentives for fishermen be considered;***

Or. en

Amendment by Elspeth Attwooll

Amendment 23  
Paragraph 9 b (new)

- 9b. Urges the Commission to promote actively the adoption of an FAO International Plan of Action on bycatch reduction;***

Or. en

Amendment by Pedro Guerreiro

Amendment 24  
Paragraph 12

12. Calls on the Commission to consider the application of environmentally-friendly fishing technical measures as **a complement** to existing effort limitations in relation to stock recovery plans;

Or. pt

Amendment by Elspeth Attwooll

Amendment 25  
Paragraph 13

13. Believes that in this context it is indispensable to develop and implement the satellite technology for detecting the presence of unauthorised fishing vessels in closed **areas and in Marine Protected Areas** in order to guarantee **(deletion)** effective protection of **fish, (deletion)** their **critical** habitat **and other biodiversity**;

Or. en

Amendment by Iles Braghetto, Francesco Musotto, Giorgio Carollo

Amendment 26  
Paragraph 14, point (a)

- (a) ***the application of the principle of Member States' subsidiarity such that they can decide independently about the management of non-shared resources taken inside their territorial waters, while those shared by more than one country come under Community law;***

Or. it

Amendment by Elspeth Attwooll

Amendment 27  
Paragraph 14, point (b a) (new)

- (ba) ***the increase of technical and financial support through public aid to the RACs to enable them to contribute appropriately to this aim;***

Or. en



