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Amendment 1
Duarte Freitas

Motion for a resolution
Recital O

Motion for a resolution

O. whereas increasing activity on the part of the RACs is hampered by restricted funding,

Amendment

O. whereas increasing activity on the part of the RACs is hampered by restricted funding ***and the Commission's excessively bureaucratic and inflexible approach to management and financial control regarding the funds allocated to them,***

Or. pt

Amendment 2
Duarte Freitas

Motion for a resolution
Recital P a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Pa. whereas Commission representatives frequently fail to attend RAC working group meetings,

Or. pt

Amendment 3
Duarte Freitas

Motion for a resolution
Recital S a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Sa. whereas RAC recommendations are not always given proper attention, especially when they have not been approved unanimously by the executive committees,

Amendment 4
Carmen Fraga Estévez

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1. Calls for members of its Fisheries Committee to be given observer status at meetings of the Council of Fisheries Ministers;

deleted

Amendment 5
Carmen Fraga Estévez

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2. Calls for *a list of Regional Fisheries Organisations and other international bodies at which attendance by* members of the European Parliament Committee on Fisheries *should be funded as routine by the Parliament;*

2. Calls for *the Council, the Commission, and Parliament to complete the work required to reach a genuine agreement laying down standard forms of participation for* members of the European Parliament Committee on Fisheries *in regional fisheries management organisations (RFMOs) and other international bodies whose meetings are given over to discussion of subjects affecting the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP), on the understanding that this should in no way detract from their present observer status at meetings for which such an arrangement has been agreed;*

Amendment 6
Carmen Fraga Estévez

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Calls *for fuller information to be supplied about the operation of Fisheries Partnership Agreements and, in particular, the activities of the Joint Monitoring Committees;*

Amendment

3. *Also calls on the Council, in agreement with the Commission and Parliament, to allow members of Parliament's Committee on Fisheries to serve on the joint committees set up under Fisheries Partnership Agreements, to enable them to bring the necessary scrutiny to bear on those agreements; points out in addition that entry into force of the Treaty of Lisbon will entail much greater responsibilities for Parliament, since partnership agreements will have to be approved by the assent procedure;*

Or. es

Amendment 7
Duarte Freitas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

3a Points to the importance of ensuring that Commission representatives attend RAC working group and executive committee meetings more regularly;

Amendment

Or. pt

Amendment 8
Carmen Fraga Estévez

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7. Notes that different options are suggested for AFCA's long-term future: replacement by a RAC Coordinating Committee; reduction in size with representation solely from different segments of the fleet; trade and processing; fish and shellfish farming and port activities; increase in size, including recreational fisheries, retailers and coastal and marine users; merging AFCA into a wider Maritime Consultation Group;

deleted

Or. es

**Amendment 9
Carmen Fraga Estévez**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8. Stresses the importance of avoiding overlap, particularly with the work of RACs, and considers that the final option would fit well with maritime and marine policy, and integrated coastal zone management;

8. Points out that the fisheries sector is still not considered to have a sufficient say in the decisions affecting it; points to the differences, in terms of roles and operation, between the ACFA and RACs, inasmuch as the former performs an advisory role extending to the CFP as a whole and covers the entire Community area, whereas the role of RACs is to give specialised advice within their spheres of influence; accordingly considers that the coexistence of the different advisory bodies helps to make for compatibility with maritime and marine policy and integrated coastal zone management;

Or. es

Amendment 10
Carmen Fraga Estévez

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11a. Expresses its disquiet at the fact some organisations serving in RACs as ‘other interest groups’ repeatedly take advantage of their presence, even though they might be in the minority, to block decisions supported by a majority of fisheries sector representatives and obstruct decision-taking by consensus;

Or. es

Amendment 11
Jan Mulder

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12a. Calls for technical and political decisions to be separated; deals with political decisions with a regional approach and technical decisions with a scientific approach;

Or. nl

Amendment 12
Carmen Fraga Estévez

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 – indent 2

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- ensure that RACs are invited to participate in the Fisheries Committee

- ensure that, ***at regular intervals and whenever, given the relevance of the***

when the agenda covers matters on which they are involved in giving advice or making recommendations;

subjects to be discussed, it appears advisable to do so, RACs are invited to participate in the Fisheries Committee to enable them to put forward their views or make recommendations;

Or. es

Amendment 13
Carmen Fraga Estévez

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 – indent 3

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- invite members of the Inter-RAC Committee to make a presentation to the Committee subsequent to its coordinating meetings with the Commission;

- establish a procedure to ensure that the secretariats of the Committee on Fisheries, the RACs, and the Inter-RAC Committee remain in regular contact for the purpose of exchanging and gathering information related to their activities, advice, and recommendations;

Or. es

Amendment 14
Carmen Fraga Estévez

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 – indent 4

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- host an annual conference involving the RACs and the Commission;

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Or. es

Amendment 15
Carmen Fraga Estévez

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15. Asks the RACs to keep members of the Fisheries Committee informed of their activities, advice and recommendations and to invite their attendance at meetings;

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Or. es

Amendment 16
Jan Mulder

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15a. Asks for multiannual plans to be drawn up between all stakeholders in the fisheries sector, laying down the rules and the TACs for a number of years;

Or. nl

Amendment 17
Elsbeth Attwooll

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17a. Stresses the importance of the Common Fisheries Policy as the means of ensuring the existence of standards, principles and rules that are applicable across all Community waters and to all Community vessels;

Or. en

Amendment 18
Carmen Fraga Estévez

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. *Believes that there should be progressive devolution of management responsibilities to RACs;*

Amendment

18. *Urges that the advisory role of RACs be fully accepted and respected by the Commission, both before legislative proposals are submitted and while they are being dealt with;*

Or. es

Amendment 19
Jan Mulder

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Believes that there should be progressive devolution of management responsibilities to RACs;

Amendment

18. Believes that there should be progressive devolution of management responsibilities to RACs *and direct stakeholders, as a result of which rights-based management tools in fisheries could be used as a system to regulate the allocation of fishing rights among fishermen;*

Or. nl

Amendment 20
Elsbeth Attwooll

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Believes that there should be progressive devolution of management

Amendment

18. Believes, *nonetheless*, that there should be progressive devolution of management

responsibilities to RACs;

responsibilities to RACs *in order to improve the effectiveness of the implementation of such standards, principles and rules;*

Or. en

Amendment 21
Carmen Fraga Estévez

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19. Believes also that the coming reform of the CFP should bring about its full decentralisation, with RACs as the core;

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Or. es

Amendment 22
Elsbeth Attwooll

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19. Believes also that the coming reform of the CFP should bring about its full decentralisation, with RACs as the core;

19. Believes also that the coming reform of the Common Fisheries Policy should bring about **full decentralisation of its application**, with RACs as the core, **in order that common measures may be tailored to fit the specificities of different fisheries and fishing conditions;**

Or. en