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- FISHERIES -

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President: Mr Yannis POTTAKIS
Minister for Agriculture
of the Hellenic Republic

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The Governments of the Member States and the Commission of the European Communities were represented as follows:

Belgium:

Mr Paul DE KEERSMAEKER State Secretary for European Affairs

Denmark:

Mr Lars P. GAMMELGAARD Minister for Fisheries

Mr Thomas LAURITSEN State Secretary, Ministry of Fisheries

Germany:

Mr Wolfgang von GELDERN State Parliamentary Secretary at the Federal Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Forestry

Greece:

Mr Yannis POTTAKIS Minister for Agriculture

Spain:

Mr Carlo ROMERO HERRERA Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food

France:

Mr Jacques MELLICK Minister for the Sea (Ministry of Transport)

Ireland:

Mr Pat GALLAGHER Deputy Minister for the Marine

Italy:

Mr Enrico PIETROMARCHI Deputy Permanent Representative

Luxembourg:

Mr Jim CLOOS Embassy Secretary at the Permanent
Representation

Netherlands:

Mr Gerrit BRAKS Minister for Agriculture and
Fisheries

Portugal:

Mr Manuel OLIVEIRA GODINHO State Secretary for Fisheries

United Kingdom:

Mr John MC GREGOR Minister for Agriculture

Mr Donald THOMPSON State Secretary at the Ministry of
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Lord SANDERSON Minister of State, Scottish Office

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Commission:

Mr Antonio Jose Baptista CARDOSO E CUNHA Member

Mr Stanley CLINTON DAVIS Member

NORTH SEA POLLUTION

The Council noted a report presented by Commission Member CLINTON DAVIS on the effects of North Sea and Baltic Sea pollution upon fishing activities.

Mr CLINTON DAVIS laid particular emphasis on the possibilities still open for reducing such pollution through the proper application by Member States of the Community standards currently applicable.

TACs AND QUOTAS FOR 1989

After detailed discussions and on the basis of a compromise prepared by the Commission and the Presidency, the Council approved by a qualified majority the Regulation fixing, for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks, the total allowable catches for 1989 and certain conditions under which they may be fished. These totals are set out in the Annex.

ANNUAL FISHERIES ARRANGEMENTS RESULTING FROM THE ACT OF ACCESSION
OF SPAIN/PORTUGAL

The Council adopted by a qualified majority three Regulations fixing, for 1989, certain measures for the conservation and management of fishery resources, applicable to vessels flying the flag of:

- one of the ten Member States, in the waters of:
 - = Spain;
 - = Portugal;

- Portugal, in the waters of the Community of Ten.

NORWAY

The Council approved by a qualified majority the Regulations:

- allocating certain quotas between Member States for vessels fishing in the Norwegian Exclusive Economic Zone and the fishing zone around Jan Mayen;
- laying down, for 1989, certain measures for the conservation and management of fishery resources applicable to vessels flying the flag of Norway.

The first Regulation involves in particular the allocation to the Community of quotas in Norwegian waters as follows:

- 7 500 tonnes of Norwegian Arctic cod;
- 3 000 tonnes of Norwegian Arctic haddock;
- 3 000 tonnes of redfish.

SWEDEN

The Council approved by a qualified majority two Regulations:

- laying down, for 1989, certain measures for the conservation and management of fishery resources applicable to vessels flying the flag of Sweden;
- allocating certain quotas among the Member States for vessels fishing in Swedish waters.

The latter Regulation will be supplemented by any quotas that might be granted to the Community in the Swedish part of the "white zone" once the negotiations scheduled for 12 and 13 December have been completed.

FAROE ISLANDS

The Council approved by a qualified majority the Regulations:

- allocating certain quotas among the Member States for vessels fishing in Faroese waters;
- laying down, for 1989, certain measures for the conservation and management of fishery resources applicable to vessels registered in the Faroe Islands.

The latter Regulation contains quotas for Faroe Islands vessels fishing in the Community zone, and in particular:

- 5 250 t. of mackerel (- 12,7% compared with 1988);
- 7 000 t. of horse mackerel (- 15% compared with 1988).

GREENLAND

The Council adopted by a qualified majority the Regulation allocating, for 1989, Community catch quotas in Greenland waters.

Those quotas encompass the Community's allocation of the full quantities to be granted under the EEC-Greenland Protocol on fisheries, because of the increase in certain stocks, notably those of "western" cod.

NORTH-WEST ATLANTIC FISHERIES ORGANIZATION (NAFO)

The Council adopted by a qualified majority the Regulation fixing, for 1989, autonomous quotas for the NAFO Regulatory Area.

Those quotas are at the same level as for 1988, with the following exceptions:

<u>Species</u>	<u>ZONE</u>	<u>EEC QUOTA 88</u>	<u>EEC QUOTA 89</u>
- American plaice	NAFO 3LNO	9,000 t.	6,820 t.
- Yellowtail flounder	NAFO 3LNO	5,000 t.	1,670 t.
- Capelin	NAFO 3NO	375 t.	700 t.

MEASURES FOR THE CONSERVATION OF FISHERY RESOURCES

The Council approved by a qualified majority a Regulation amending the conservation standards in force by introducing a system for the protection of sole and young plaice. Those amendments include:

- a ban on the use of beam trawls whose total beam length exceeds 24 metres;
- a ban on beam trawls in the Kattegat;
- extension of the arrangements applicable to the use of beam trawls within the 12 nautical miles to a zone along the coasts of Denmark, Germany and the Netherlands, as defined in the Regulation, for the period from 1 April to 30 September.

MULTIANNUAL GUIDANCE PROGRAMMES FOR COMMUNITY FISHING FLEETS

A number of delegations referred, within the Council, to problems regarding the implementation, at national level, of the multiannual guidance programmes for Community fishing fleets.

At the end of the discussion, the Council noted the Commission's undertaking to continue its consultations with a view to resolving the problems outstanding as soon as possible.

RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION

The Council discussed relations between the Community and the USSR as regards conclusion of a fisheries agreement.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONSOther decisions in the fisheries sector

In line with the agreement reached at its meeting on 28 November 1988, the Council formally adopted the Regulations fixing, for 1989, the guide prices for the fishery products listed in Annex I(A), (D) and (E) and in Annex II to Regulation No 3796/81 as well as the producer price for tuna intended for the canning industry.

The price variations for the various species compared with the 1988 prices are as follows:

A. Guide prices - fresh products

1. Herring		
- from 1.1 to 31.7 and from		
1.10 to 31.12.1989	-	2%
- from 1.8 to 30.9.1989	-	11%
2. Sardines		
(a) Atlantic	-	1%
(b) Mediterranean	-	1%
3. Dogfish	-	1%
4. Spotted dogfish	-	1%
5. Redfish	+	1%
6. Cod		0%
7. Saithe	-	1%
8. Haddock	+	1%
9. Whiting		0%
10. Ling		0%
11. Mackerel (scomber scombrus)		0%

12. Spanish mackerel (scomber japonicus)	+ 1%
13. Anchovy	0%
14. European plaice - from 1.1 to 30.4.1989	0%
- from 1.5 to 31.12.1989	0%
15. Hake	+ 1%
16. Megrin	+ 1%
17. Pomfret	0%
18. Anglerfish	
- with head	+ 1%
- without head	+ 0%
19. Shrimps	0%
20. Edible crab	0%
21. Norway lobster	
- whole	0%
- tails	- 5%

B. Guide prices for frozen products

1. Sardines	0%
2. Bream	+ 2%
3. Squid (loligo)	+ 2%
4. Squid (Ommastrephes)	- 12%
5. Squid (Illex)	- 16%
6. Cuttlefish	0%
7. Octopus	0%

C. Producer price

Tuna (Albacore)	- 2%
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French Guiana

The Council also formally adopted the Regulation laying down for 1989 certain measures for the conservation and management of fishery resources applicable to vessels flying the flag of certain non-member countries in the 200-nautical-mile zone off the coast of the French department of Guiana.



ANNEXTACs BY STOCK AND BY AREA
FOR 1988 - COMMUNITY SHARES

SPECIES	ZONE	1989 TAC	COMMUNITY SHARE IN 1989 (tonnes)
Herring	III a	138.000	57.100
Herring	III b,c,d (1)	38.000	35.150
Herring	II a (1), IV a,b	484.000	312.675
Herring	IV c, VII d	30.000	30.000
Herring	V b (1), VI a North, VI b	58.000	51.540
Herring	IV a South, VII b,c	20.000	20.000
Herring	VI a Clyde	3.200	3.200
Herring	VII a	6.000	6.000
Herring	VII e,f	500 (x)	500
Herring	VII g,h,i,k	20.000 (x)	20.000
Sprat	III a	80.000 (x)	57.000

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SPECIES	ZONE	1989 TAC	COMMUNITY SHARE IN 1989 (tonnes)
Sprat	III b,c,d (1)	13.000	13.000
Sprat	II a (1), IV (1)	59.000 (x)	50.000
Sprat	VII d,e	12.000 (x)	12.000
Anchovy	VIII	32.000	32.000
Anchovy	IX, X, COPACE (1)	6.000 (x)	6.000
Salmon	III b,c,d (1)	800 (x)	800
Capelin	II b Svalbard		0
Cod	II b Svalbard	11.550	11.550
Cod	III a Skagerrak	20.500	16.910
Cod	III a Kattegat	12.500	7.540
Cod	III b,c,d	75.000	74.500
Cod	II a (1) IV	124.000	118.750

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SPECIES	ZONE	1989 TAC	COMMUNITY SHARE IN 1989 (tonnes)
Cod	V b (1), VI, XII, XIV	18.430	18.430
Cod	VII b,c,d,e, f,g,h,j,k, VIII, IX, X CECAF (1)	23.900	23.900
Cod	VII a	15.000	15.000
Haddock	III a, III b, c,d (1)	10.000 (x)	8.630
Haddock	IV a (1), IV	68.000	62.500
Haddock	V b (1), VI, XII, XIV	35.000	35.000
Haddock	VII, VIII, IX X, CECAF (1)	6.000 (x)	6.000
Saithe	II a (1), III a, III b, c,d (1), IV	170.000	88.100
Saithe	V b (1), VI, XII, XIV	30.000	30.000
Saithe	VII, VIII, IX X, CECAF (1)	14.000 (x)	14.000

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SPECIES	ZONE	1989 TAC	COMMUNITY SHARE IN 1989 (tonnes)
Pollack	V b (1), VI, XIII, XIV	1.100 (x)	1.100
Pollack	VII	14.000 (x)	14.000
Pollack	VIII a,b	2.600 (x)	2.600
Pollack	VIII c	800 (x)	800
Pollack	VIII d	50 (x)	50
Pollack	VIII e	100 (x)	100
Pollack	IX, X, CEECAF (1)	450 (x)	450
Norway pout	II a (1), III a, IV (1)	200.000 (x)	171.000
Blue whiting	II a (1) IV (1)	90.000	50.000
Blue whiting	V b (1), VI, VII	534.000	297.000
Blue whiting	VIII a,b,d	26.500 (x)	26.500
Blue whiting	VIII e	1.000 (x)	1.000
Blue whiting	VIII c, IX, X, CEECAF (1)	50.000 (x)	50.000
Whiting	III a	17.000 (x)	15.080

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SPECIES	ZONE	1989 TAC	COMMUNITY SHARE IN 1989 (tonnes)
Whiting	II a (1), IV	115.000	83.480
Whiting	V b (1), VI XII, XIV	16.400	16.400
Whiting	VII a	18.170	18.170
Whiting	VII b,c,d,e, f,g,h,j,k	19.300 (x)	19.300
Whiting	VIII	5.000 (x)	5.000
Whiting	IX, X, CECAF (1)	2.640 (x)	2.640
Hake	III a, III b, c,d (1)	1.300 (x)	1.300
Hake	II a (1), IV (1)	2.120 (x)	2.120
Hake	V b (1), VI, VII, XII, XIV	33.750 (x)	33.750
Hake	VIII a,b,d,e	22.500 (x)	22.500
Hake	VIII c, IX, X, CECAF (1)	20.000 (x)	20.000
Horse mackerel	II a (1), IV (1)	45.000 (x)	45.000

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SPECIES	ZONE	1989 TAC	COMMUNITY SHARE IN 1989 (tonnes)
Horse mackerel	V b (1), VI, VII, XII, XIV	121.500 (x)	114.500
Horse mackerel	VIII a,b,d,e	28.000 (x)	28.000
Horse mackerel	VIII c	28.000 (x)	28.000
Horse mackerel	IX, X, CECAF (1)	45.000 (x)	45.000
Mackerel	II a (1), III a, III b, c,d (1), IV	49.200	14.200
Mackerel	II, V b (1) VI, VII, VIII a,b,d,e, XII, XIV	349.200	324.750
Mackerel	VIII c, IX, X, CECAF (1)	36.570 (x)	36.570
European plaice	III a Skagerrak	15.000 (x)	14.100
European plaice	III a Kattegat	4.000	3.600
European plaice	III b,c,d (1)	3.000 (x)	3.000
European plaice	II a (1), IV	185.000	182.700

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European plaice	V b (1), VI XII, XIV	2.000 (x)	2.000
European plaice	VII a	5.800	5.800
European plaice	VII b,c	200 (x)	200
European plaice	VII d,e	11.700	11.700
European plaice	VII f,g	2.500	2.500
European plaice	VII h,j,k	1.150 (x)	1.150
European plaice	VIII, IX, X, CECAF (1)	700 (x)	700
common sole	III a, III b, c,d (1)	800	800
common sole	II, IV	14.000	14.000
common sole	V b (1), VI, XII, XIV	110 (x)	110
common sole	VII a	1.480	1.480
common sole	VII b,c	60 (x)	60
common sole	VII d	3.850	3.850

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Common Sole	VII e	1.000	1.000
Common Sole	VII f,g	1.000	1.000
Common Sole	VII h,j,k	720 (x)	720
Common Sole	VIII a,b	4.800	4.800
Common Sole	VIII c,d,e, IX, X, CECAF (1)	1.860 (x)	1.860
Megrim	V b (1), VI, XII, XIV	4.840 (x)	4.840
Megrim	VII	15.880 (x)	15.880
Megrim	VIII a,b,d,e	2.220 (x)	2.220
Megrim	VIII c, IX, X, CECAF (1)	13.000 (x)	13.000
Anglerfish	V b (1), VI, XII, XIV	8.600 (x)	8.600
Anglerfish	VII	33.080 (x)	33.080
Anglerfish	VIII a,b,d	9.910 (x)	9.910
Anglerfish	VIII e	100 (x)	100

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SPECIES.	ZONE	1989 TAC	COMMUNITY SHARE IN 1989 (tonnes)
Anglerfish	VIII c, IX, X, CEEAF (1)	12.000 (x)	12.000
Shrimps	French Guiane	4.810 (x)	4.040
Deep-water prawn	III a Skagerrak	3.100 (x)	3.100
Norway lobster	V b (1), VI	16.000 (x)	16.000
Norway lobster	VII	26.000 (x)	26.000
Norway lobster	VIII a,b	7.500 (x)	7.500
Norway lobster	VIII c	600 (x)	600
Norway lobster	VIII d,e	50 (x)	50
Norway lobster	IX, X, CEEAF (1)	4.720 (x)	4.720

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