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**Commission:**

**Mr Manuel MARIN** Vice-President

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COMMON FISHERIES POLICY

Vice-President MARIN presented the Commission's 1991 report on the common fisheries policy to the Council.

This report provides an assessment of the whole of the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP) over the period 1983-1990 and sets out the Commission's general guidelines for ensuring the future of the fisheries sector and related activities in the coming ten years, particularly so as to prepare the sector for "beyond 2002".

The purpose of the report is to stimulate debate within the Community bodies and other concerned entities in order to enable the Commission to submit appropriate legislative proposals during 1992.

TACs AND QUOTAS FOR 1992

After detailed discussions, the Council adopted unanimously the Regulation fixing, for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks, the total allowable catches for 1992 and certain conditions under which they may be fished. These totals are set out in Annex I.

The following provisions are also included in the Regulation:

- All Member States with cod and haddock quotas in the North Sea and to the west of Scotland (Areas IV and VIa) must take the necessary steps, which they must communicate to the Commission by 1 March 1992, to ensure that each of their vessels whose overall length exceeds 10 metres, and whose cod and haddock

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landings from Areas IV and VIa over the period 1 January 1989 to 30 June 1990 exceeded (i) 100 tonnes and (ii) 40% by weight of its total landings, and any vessel replacing a vessel in the category defined above, remain in port for at least eight consecutive days per calendar month during the period 1 February to 31 December 1992, or for a total of 135 days during the same period.

- The Member States must inform the Commission by 20 January 1992 at the latest which of the two rules for limiting days at sea mentioned above they will be applying to the vessels concerned.

Member States which are not able to use up their cod and haddock quotas for 1992 in Areas IV and VIa owing to the application of the above provisions may ask the Commission to reduce or waive the above limitation of days at sea.

- The Commission must communicate its decision within eight working days.

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

The Council adopted unanimously three Regulations fixing, for 1992, measures for the conservation and management of fishery resources, applicable to vessels:

- of the former ten Member States in the waters of Portugal (110 French vessels for an unlimited quantity of albacore tuna between 2 June and 28 July and an unlimited number of vessels for unlimited quantities of tropical tuna and other tuna species);

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- of the former ten Member States in the waters of Spain (in particular French vessels for certain specific fisheries);
- of Portugal in the waters of the former ten Member States (7, 10 and an unlimited number of vessels to fish respectively 3 000 t of blue whiting, 3 000 t of horse mackerel and an unlimited quantity of tuna).

These Regulations were drawn up in accordance with the provisions of the Act of Accession and are identical to the corresponding Regulations adopted by the Council in December 1991.

**NORWAY**

The Council adopted unanimously the Regulations:

- allocating, for 1992, certain quotas between Member States for vessels fishing in the Norwegian Exclusive Economic Zone and the fishing zone around Jan Mayen;
- laying down, for 1992, certain measures for the conservation and management of fishery resources applicable to vessels flying the flag of Norway.

**SWEDEN**

The Council adopted unanimously the Regulations:

- laying down, for 1992, certain measures for the conservation and management of fishery resources applicable to vessels flying the flag of Sweden;
- allocating, for 1992, certain quotas among the Member States for vessels fishing in Swedish waters.

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GREENLAND

The Council adopted unanimously the Regulation allocating, for 1992, Community catch quotas in Greenland waters.

FAROE ISLANDS

The Council adopted unanimously the Regulations:

- allocating, for 1992, certain quotas among the Member States for vessels fishing in Faroese waters;
- laying down, for 1992, certain measures for the conservation and management of fishery resources applicable to vessels registered in the Faroe Islands.

NORTH-WEST ATLANTIC FISHERIES ORGANIZATION (NAFO)

The Council adopted unanimously the Regulation fixing, for 1992, quotas for the NAFO Regulatory Area.

Those quotas are set at the following levels:

<u>SPECIES</u>	<u>AREA</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Cod	NAFO 2J + 3KL	26 300
Cod	NAFO 3M	6 465
Cod	NAFO 3NO	5 016
Redfish	NAFO 3M	6 665
Redfish	NAFO 3LN	6 000
American plaice	NAFO 3M	350
American plaice	NAFO 3LNO	328

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Yellowtail flounder	NAFO 3LNO	140
Witch	NAFO 3NO	1 000
Capelin	NAFO 3NO	750
Squid	NAFO subarea 3+4	15 000

GUIANA

The Council adopted unanimously the Regulation laying down for 1992 measures for the conservation and management of fishery resources applicable to vessels of certain non-member countries in the 200-nautical-mile zone off the coast of the French department of Guiana.

TARIFF QUOTAS

The Council adopted unanimously the Regulation opening and providing for the administration of autonomous Community tariff quotas for certain fisheries products for 1992. Entry into force is scheduled for 1 April 1992.

This Regulation provides for the possibility of importing a total quantity of 160 000 tonnes of twelve species of fish at reduced rates of duty ranging from 3,7% to 10%.

The Regulation is essentially intended to ensure supplies for processing industries at prices that will enable them to be competitive without, however, harming the interests of Community fishermen.

A complete list of the quotas is given in ANNEX II.

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PARTIAL SUSPENSION OF CUSTOMS DUTIES

The Council adopted unanimously the Regulation partially suspending the autonomous Common Customs Tariff duties on:

CN CODE	Description	Rate of duty (%)
ex 0304 20 57	Fillets and other meat of hake (Merluccius spp. except for Merluccius merluccius, Merluccius bilinearis and Merluccius carbensis) in industrial blocks, deep frozen, for processing	10
ex 0304 90 47		
ex 0304 20 85	Fillets of Alaska pollack (Theragra chalcogramma), in industrial blocks, frozen, for processing	5

All measures valid from 1 April to 31 December 1992

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ANNEX I

TACS FOR 1992 BY STOCK AND ZONE  
WITH COMMUNITY SHARES

SPECIES	ZONE	TAC	EEC SHARE in 1992 (tonnes)
Herring	IIIa	124 000	53 230
Herring	IIIBcd(1)	90 000	86 350
Herring	IIa(1), IVab	380 000	250 850
Herring	IVc, VIId	50 000(*)	50 000
Herring	Vb(1), VIaN VIb	62 000	55 140
Herring	VlaS, VIIbc	28 000	28 000
Herring	Vla Clyde	2 300	2 300
Herring	VIIa	7 000	7 000
Herring	VIIef	1 000(*)	1 000
Herring	VIIghjk	21 000	21 000
Sprat	IIIa	50 000(*)	32 900
Sprat	IIIBcd(1)	32 000	30 000
Sprat	IIa(1), IV(1)	55 000(*)	42 680
Sprat	VIIde	12 000(*)	12 000
Anchovy	VIII	30 000(*)	30 000

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SPECIES	ZONE	TAC	EEC SHARE in 1992 (tonnes)
Anchovy	IX,X,COPACE(1)	12 000(*)	12 000
Salmon	IIIbcd(1)	720(*)	710
Capelin	IIb	0	0
Cod	IIb	10 380	10 380
Cod	IIIa Skagerrak	15 000	12 375
Cod	IIIa Kattegat	6 650	4 010
Cod	IIIbcd(1)	36 000	34 610
Cod	IIa(1),IV	100 700	91 950
Cod	Vb(1),VI,XII, XIV	13 500	13 500
Cod	VIIa	10 000	10 000
Cod	VIIb-k,VIII,IX COPACE(1)	20 000	20 000
Haddock	IIIa,IIIbcd(1)	4 600(*)	3 970
Haddock	IIa(1),IV	60 000	47 900
Haddock	Vb(1),VI,XII, XIV	12 500	12 500
Haddock	VII,VIII,IX,X COPACE(1)	6 000(*)	6 000
Saithe	IIa(1),IIIa IIIbcd(1),IV	110 000	58 000

SPECIES	ZONE	TAC	EEC SHARE in 1992 (tonnes)
Saithe	Vb(1),VI,XII, XIV	17 000	17 000
Saithe	VII,VIII,IX,X COPACE(1)	14 000(*)	14 000
Pollack	Vb(1),VI,XII,XIV	1 100(*)	1 100
Pollack	VII	14 000(*)	14 000
Pollack	VIIlab	2 600(*)	2 600
Pollack	VIIIC	800(*)	800
Pollack	VIIId	50(*)	50
Pollack	VIIle	100(*)	100
Pollack	IX,X,COPACE(1)	450(*)	450
N. pout	IIa(1),IIIA,IV(1)	200 000(*)	171 000
Blue whit.	IIa(1),IV(1)	90 000(*)	50 000
Blue whit.	Vb(1),VI,VII	310 000(*)	133 000
Blue whit.	VIIlabd	26 500(*)	26 500
Blue whit.	VIIle	1 000(*)	1 000
Blue whit.	VIIIC,IX,X, COPACE(1)	55 000(*)	55 000
Whiting	IIIA	17 000(*)	3 000
Whiting	IIa(1),IV	135 000	59 480
Whiting	Vb(1),VI,XII,XIV	7 500	7 500
Whiting	VIIa	10 000	10 000

SPECIES	ZONE	TAC	EEC SHARE in 1992 (tonnes)
Whiting	VIIb-k	22 000(*)	22 000
Whiting	VIII	5 000(*)	5 000
Whiting	IX,X,COPACE(1)	2 640(*)	2 640
Hake	IIa,IIibcd(1)	2 000(*)	2 000
Hake	IIa(1),IV(1)	2 420(*)	2 420
<b>TAC STOCK</b> <b>NORD</b> <b>(EXCL. IIIA)</b>	<b>67 000</b>		
Hake	Vb(1),VI,VII, XII,XIV	38 750(*)	38 750
Hake	VIIabde	25 830(*)	25 830
Hake	VIIIC,IX,X COPACE(1)	16 000(*)	16 000
Horse mack.	IIa(1),IV(1)	55 000(*)	55 000
Horse mack.	Vb(1),VI,VII VIIabde,XII,XIV	250 000(*)	243 000
Horse mack.	VIIIC,IX	73 000(*)	73 000
Mackerel	IIa(1),IIIA IIIBCD(1),IV	76 320	22 440
Mackerel	II,Vb(1),VI, VII,VIIabde,XII, XIV	423 170	400 510
Mackerel	VIIIC,IX,X, COPACE(1)	36 570(*)	36 570

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SPECIES	ZONE	TAC	EEC SHARE in 1992 (tonnes)
Plaice	IIIa Skagerrak	11 200(*)	10 528
Plaice	IIIa Kattegat	2 800	2 520
Plaice	IIIbcd(1)	3 000(*)	3 000
Plaice	IIa(1),IV	175 000	168 750
Plaice	Vb(1),VI,XII,XIV	2 400(*)	2 400
Plaice	VIIa	3 800	3 800
Plaice	VIIbc	250(*)	250
Plaice	VIIde	9 600	9 600
Plaice	VIIfg	1 500	1 500
Plaice	VIIhjk	1 350	1 350
Plaice	VIII,IX,X, COPACE(1)	700(*)	700
Sole	IIIa,IIIbcd(1)	1 200(*)	1 200
Sole	II,IV	25 000	25 000
Sole	Vb(1),VI,XII,XIV	155(*)	155
Sole	VIIa	1 350	1 350
Sole	VIIbc	75(*)	75
Sole	VIId	3 500	3 500
Sole	VIIe	800	800
Sole	VIIfg	1 200	1 200
Sole	VIIhjk	720(*)	720

SPECIES	ZONE	TAC	EEC SHARE in 1992 (tonnes)
Sole	VIIlab	5 300	5 300
Sole	VIIICde,IX,X, COPACE(1)	2 000(*)	2 000
Megrims	Vb(1),VI,XII,XIV	4 840(*)	4 840
Megrims	VII	15 880(*)	15 880
Megrims	VIIabde	2 220(*)	2 220
Megrims	VIIIC,IX,X, COPACE(1)	14 300(*)	14 300
Anglerfish	Vb(1),VI,XII,XIV	8 600(*)	8 600
Anglerfish	VII	33 080(*)	33 080
Anglerfish	VIIabde	9 910(*)	9 910
Anglerfish	VIIIe	100(*)	100
Anglerfish	VIIIC,IX,X, COPACE(1)	12 000	12 000
Penaeus	Fr.Guyana	4 100	4 000
North. prawn	IIIa Skagerrak	10 500	3 863
N. lobster	IIIa,IIIbcd(1)	3 500	3 500
N. lobster	IIa(1),IV(1)	12 000	12 000
N. lobster	Vb(1),VI	12 000(*)	12 000
N. lobster	VII	20 000(*)	20 000
N. lobster	VIIlab	6 800(*)	6 800
N. lobster	VIIIC	800(*)	800

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SPECIES	ZONE	TAC	EC SHARE in 1992 (tonnes)
N. lobster	VIIIdE	50(*)	50
N. lobster	IX,X,COPACE(1)	2 500(*)	2 500

(\*) Precautionary TAC

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ANNEX II

TARIFF QUOTAS REGULATIONS

QUOTAS

CN Code	Description	Quota quantity	Rate of duty
ex 0302 50	Cod ( <i>Gadus morhua</i> , <i>Gadus ogac</i> ,		
ex 0302 69 35	<i>Gadus macrocephalus</i> ) and fish of		
ex 0303 60	the species <i>Boreogadus saida</i> ,		
ex 0303 79 41	excluding livers, roes, presented		
	fresh, chilled or frozen, for		
	processing (a)(b)	50 000	3,7%
ex 0302 63 00	Coalfish ( <i>Pollachius virens</i> ),		
ex 0303 73 00	excluding livers, roes, presented		
	fresh, chilled or frozen, for		
	processing (a)(b)	20 000	3,7%
ex 0302 62 00	Haddock ( <i>Melanogrammus</i>		
ex 0303 72 00	<i>aeglefinus</i> ), excluding livers,		
	roes, presented fresh, chilled or		
	frozen, for processing (a)(b)	6 000	3,7%
0305 62 00	Cod ( <i>Gadus morhua</i> , <i>Gadus ogac</i> ,		
0305 69 10	<i>Gadus macrocephalus</i> ) and fish of		
	the species <i>Boreogadus saida</i> ,		
	salted or in brine, but not dried		
	or smoked	60 000	6%
0305 51 10	Cod ( <i>Gadus morhua</i> , <i>Gadus ogac</i> ,		
0305 59 11	<i>Gadus macrocephalus</i> ) and fish of		
	the species <i>Boreogadus saida</i> ,		
	dried, unsalted, not smoked	500	8%
0305 30 11	Fish fillets, dried, salted or in		
0305 30 19	brine, of cod ( <i>Gadus morhua</i> ,		
	<i>Gadus ogac</i> , <i>Gadus macrocephalus</i> )		
	and of fish of the species		
	<i>Boreogadus saida</i>	3 000	9%
ex 0305 30 90	Fillets of coalfish ( <i>Pollachius</i>		
	<i>virens</i> ), salted, for		
	processing (a)(b)	3 500	10%

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CN Code	Description	Quota quantity	Rate of duty
ex 0306 13 10	Shrimps and prawns of the species		
ex 0306 23 10	Pandalus borealis, in shell, fresh, chilled or frozen for processing (a)(b)	5 000	6%
ex 0302 21 10	Lesser or Greenland halibut		
ex 0303 31 10	(Reinhardtius hippoglossoides), fresh, chilled or frozen, for processing (a)(b)	6 000	4%

Period of validity: 1 April - 31 December 1992.

CN Code	Description	Quota quantity	Rate of duty
ex 0303 71 10	Sardines of the species Sardina pilchardus, frozen, for processing (a)(b)	6 000	10%

Period of validity: 1 January - 31 March 1992.

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OTHER DECISIONS IN THE FIELD OF FISHERIES

The Council adopted the Regulations on the submission of nominal catch statistics by Member States fishing in, respectively, the Northwest and Northeast Atlantic. The purpose of these Regulations is to transpose into Community legislation the STATLANT 21A questionnaire adopted some years ago and used since by Member States to transmit statistics on annual catches to international organizations concerned with the Northwest Atlantic and Northeast Atlantic.

The Council adopted the Decision concluding the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters concerning the provisional application of the Protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and financial contribution provided for in the Agreement between the Community and the Comoros.

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BRUXELLES, LE 16 DECEMBRE 1991.

NOTE BIO (91) 408 AUX BUREAUX NATIONAUX  
CC. AUX MEMBRES DU SERVICE DU PORTE-PAROLE  
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PREPARATION DU CONSEIL PECHE (XAVIER PRATS)

LE CONSEIL PECHE, QUI COMMENCERA LE MARDI 17 DECEMBRE EN DEBUT D'APRES-MIDI, CONSACRERA SES TRAVAUX A L'ETABLISSEMENT DES TAC ET QUOTAS POUR 1992, SUR BASE DE LA PROPOSITION DE LA COMMISSION.

DANS L'ETABLISSEMENT DE SA PROPOSITION (CFR. NOTE IP(91)1094), LA COMMISSION A SUIVI SYSTEMATIQUEMENT LES AVIS SCIENTIFIQUES DISPONIBLES DU COMITE CONSULTATIF POUR LA GESTION DES PECHES (ACFM) ET/OU DU COMITE SCIENTIFIQUE ET TECHNIQUE DE LA PECHE (CSTP) DE LA COMMUNAUTE.

DANS LE CAS DES STOCKS POUR LESQUELS ON NE DISPOSE PAS D'EVALUATION SCIENTIFIQUE CHIFFREE, LA COMMISSION PROPOSE DES TAC DE PRECAUTION: FAUTE D'UNE VALEUR EXPLICITE, LA VALEUR PROPOSEE PAR LA COMMISSION EST EGALE A CELLE ADOPTEE EN 1991 PAR LE CONSEIL.

LES NIVEAUX DES TAC PROPOSES PAR LA COMMISSION REFLETTENT LA MAUVAISE SITUATION DE CERTAINS STOCKS, ET NOTAMMENT LES POISSONS RONDS (CABILLAUD, EGLEFIN, MERLAN) EN MER DU NORD ET DANS LA ZONE VIA (OUEST DE L'ECOSSE).

LES CONDITIONS TECHNIQUES PROPOSEES POUR 1992 SONT DANS L'ENSEMBLE SIMILAIRES A CELLES DE 1991. TOUTEFOIS, A LA LUMIERE DE LA SITUATION DE CERTAINS STOCKS ET DE LA NECESSITE DE REDUIRE L'EFFORT DE PECHE CONFORMEMENT AUX RECOMMANDATIONS DE L'ACFM, UNE VARIATION IMPORTANTE A ETE INTRODUITE, EN VUE DE GARANTIR QUE LES NAVIRES QUI AXENT LEUR ACTIVITE DE PECHE SUR LE CABILLAUD ET L'EGLAFIN EN MER DU NORD, A L'OUEST DE L'ECOSSE ET DANS LE SKAGGERAK ET LE KATTEGAT S'ABSTIENNENT DE PECHER CES ESPECES PENDANT 200 JOURS AU MOINS AU COURS DE L'ANNEE 1992 (ARTICLE 13 DE LA PROPOSITION DE LA COMMISSION).

LA COMMISSION ESPERE QUE LE CONSEIL SE DEROULERA DANS LA MEME ATMOSPHERE DE CONSENSUS QUI A CARACTERISE NOTAMMENT L'ETABLISSEMENT DES PRIX 1992, OU LES DOUZE SONT PARVENUS A UN

ACCORD AU NIVEAU DU COREPER (CE QUI A PERMIS POUR LA PREMIERE FOIS DANS L'HISTOIRE DE LA POLITIQUE DE LA PECHE, D'ANNULER LE CONSEIL QUI CHAQUE ANNEE EST DEVOUE A LA FIXATION DES PRIX).

LA COMMISSION EST PARTICULIEREMENT SATISFAITE DU FAIT QUE LES ETATS MEMBRES PARTAGENT SON ANALYSE DE LA SITUATION DU SECTEUR DE LA PECHE ET DES LIGNES A SUIVRE EN VUE DE LA REFORME DE LA POLITIQUE COMMUNE DE LA PECHE (PCP). CES ORIENTATIONS AVAIENT ETE ESQUISSEES DANS LE RAPPORT SUR LA PCP, ADOpte' UNANIMENT PAR LA COMMISSION A L'INITIATIVE DU VICE-PRESIDENT MARIN LE 4 DECEMBRE DERNIER (CFR. NOTE IP(91)1090).

AMITIES,

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BRUXELLES, LE 18 DECEMBRE 1991.

NOTE BIO (91) 408 (SUITE 1 ET FIN) AUX BUREAUX NATIONAUX  
CC. AUX MEMBRES DU SERVICE DU PORTE-PAROLE

CONSEIL PECHE DES 17-18 DECEMBRE 1981 (XAVIER PRATS)

LE CONSEIL, QUI AVAIT COMMENCE HIER A 15 H, A CONCLU SES TRAVAUX AUJOURD'HUI VERS 14 H. APRES DE LONGUES DISCUSSIONS, LES DOUZE SONT PARVENUS A UN ACCORD A L'UNANIMITE SUR LES TAC ET QUOTAS POUR 1992.

A LA FIN DU CONSEIL, LA PRESIDENCE (M. BUKMAN) ET LE VICE-PRESIDENT MARIN ONT SOULIGNE L'IMPORTANCE DE CE 'COMPROMIS EQUILIBRE' QUE TOUS LES ETATS MEMBRES ONT ETE EN MESURE D'ACCEPTER.

LE COMPROMIS ADOPTE REPREND L'ESSENTIEL DES PROPOSITIONS DE LA COMMISSION, AVEC QUELQUES MODIFICATIONS QUI TIENNENT COMPTE DES PRINCIPALES DIFFICULTES DES ETATS MEMBRES. EN PARTICULIER, LES DOUZE ONT DECIDE DE MAINTENIR LE REGIME ACTUELLEMENT EN VIGUEUR POUR LA PECHE AU CABILLAUD ET EGLEFIN EN MER DU NORD ET A L'OUEST DE L'ECOSSE (8 JOURS D'ARRET PAR MOIS), AVEC UNE POSSIBILITE

ALTERNATIVE D'INTERRUPTION DE LA PECHE PENDANT 135 JOURS PAR AN (AU LIEU DES 200 PROPOSES PAR LA COMMISSION). LES ETATS MEMBRES POURRONT EN OUTRE DEMANDER DES DEROGATIONS A CE SYSTEME D'ARRETS TEMPORAIRES, POURVU QU'ils PRESENTENT DES ALTERNATIVES VALABLES EN TERMES DE CONSERVATION (AUGMENTATION DE LA TAILLE DES MAILLES DES FILETS, ETC).

M. MARIN, AU NOM DE LA COMMISSION, A INDIQUE QUE L'ELEMENT LE PLUS SIGNIFICATIF DE CE RESULTAT EST LE CHANGEMENT DE L'ATTITUDE AU SEIN DU CONSEIL, NOTAMMENT DEPUIS LA DERNIERE ANNEE : UN CONSEIL TRADITIONNELLEMENT DIFFICILE ET CONFLICTUEL A PRIS CONSCIENCE PROGRESSIVEMENT DE LA SITUATION DE CRISE DANS LA PLUPART DES STOCKS DE POISSON DES EAUX COMMUNAUTAIRES. C'EST CETTE PRISE DE CONSCIENCE QUI A PERMIS D'OBTENIR L'UNANIMITE.

LE VICE-PRESIDENT MARIN A EN PARTICULIER SOULIGNE DEUX ASPECTS :

- LE COURAGE POLITIQUE DES MINISTRES TOUT AU LONG DE L'ANNEE 91 : ILS ONT ASSUME LEURS RESPONSABILITES DANS UNE SITUATION DES PECHERIES CERTAINEMENT PREOCCUPANTE, ET ILS ONT ACCEPTE LE FAIT QUE L'AVENIR DU SECTEUR DE LA PECHE DEPEND DE L'ETABLISSEMENT D'UNE VERITABLE POLITIQUE DE CONSERVATION DES RESSOURCES.

- L'ATMOSPHERE DE CONSENSUS, SOULIGNEE PAR LE RESULTAT DU CONSEIL ET PAR LE FAIT QUE LE CONSEIL TRADITIONNEL DE NOVEMBRE SUR LES PRIX A MEME PU ETRE ANNULE APRES UN ACCORD AU NIVEAU DU COREPER, PERMET D'ESPERER QUE LA REFORME DE LA POLITIQUE COMMUNE DE LA PECHE (PCP) EN 92 POURRA ETRE AFFRONTEE AVEC SERENITE.

QUANT A LA PORTEE DES MESURES SUR LES TAC ET QUOTAS ARRETEES AUJOURD'HUI, LE VICE-PRESIDENT MARIN ESTIME QUE, BIEN QU'ELLES NE COINCIDENT PAS PLEINEMENT AVEC LES PROPOSITIONS DE LA COMMISSION, ELLES POURRONT ASSURER UNE BONNE CONSERVATION ET UNE RECUPERATION A TERME DES PRINCIPAUX STOCKS CONCERNES, POURVU QUE LES ETATS MEMBRES ET LES PECHEURS EUX-MEMES EXERCENT CORRECTEMENT LE CONTROLE NECESSAIRE DES ACTIVITES DE PECHE. LE RESPECT DES TAC ET

QUOTAS ADOPTES EST EN EFFET ESSENTIEL POUR ASSURER UNE BONNE GESTION DES RESSOURCES.

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