

# Technical measures for the conservation of fishery resources

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The Committee endorses a number of the amendments proposed by the Commission which are designed to improve technical conservation measures as one way to help conserve and improve stocks. The ESC thinks, however, that certain of the core proposals have been put forward without full regard to the practicabilities of fishing operations and without assessment of the economic and social effects. The Committee calls on the Council and the Commission to ensure that adequate and not merely token discussion takes place with fishermen and their representatives before decisions are taken on the proposals put forward. Enforcement of the regulations requires the tacit agreement and cooperation of fishermen.