Fishery resources in the Mediterranean Sea: technical measures for the conservation (amend. Regulation (EC) No 1626/94)

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The Committee adopted the report by Hugh McMAHON (PES, UK) on the proposed amendment to the regulation laying down technical measures for the conservation of fishery resources in the Mediterranean (consultation procedure). The principal purpose of the Commission proposal is to incorporate into Community law the recommendations adopted by the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tuna (ICCAT) on the management of fishing for bluefin tuna in the Mediterranean. The report highlights the problem of catches made by non-EU vessels (the measures are binding only on EU fishermen). In particular, it calls for transshipments on the high seas of protected species to be prohibited, so that the rules are not flouted.