

Conservation of fishery resources: protection of juveniles of marine organisms

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The committee unanimously adopted a report by Pat the Cope GALLAGHER (UEN, IRL) emphasizing that to retain the confidence of fishermen it was vital that Community fisheries policy be based on the best scientific information available. A balance must be struck between adapting technical conservation measures to the diverse nature of the fisheries industry and the application of simple and coherent rules to those working in the industry. For this purpose, the regulation must be updated periodically in the light of scientific developments and new data. This was the best way to provide protection for juvenile fish and also take account of the realities of the fishing industry.