

Conservation of fishery resources: protection of juveniles of marine organisms

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PURPOSE: amendment of Regulation 850/98/EC for the conservation of fishery resources through technical measures for the protection of juveniles of marine organisms. **CONTENT:** On 30 March 1998, the Council of Ministers adopted Regulation 850/98/EC for the conservation of fishery resources through technical measures for the protection of juveniles of marine organisms. After this Regulation was adopted and published, it became apparent that a number of data and developments brought to the Commission's attention should be incorporated into the Regulation. These are as follows: 1) the area where and the time-period during which spawning of so-called Douglas Bank herring takes place has changed; 2) the need for specific provision on the use of Danish seine in the so-called plaice box had been overlooked; 3) the conditions agreed within the Agreement for the International Dolphin Conservation Program make it acceptable to, under certain conditions, use purse seines on schools of fish found in association with marine mammals; 4) the differences in maximum body size for two species of spotted dogfish necessitate a revision of the appropriate mesh size for fixed gears for each of these species.