

Community Fisheries Control Agency and control system

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The committee adopted the report by Elspeth ATTWOOLL (ALDE, UK) broadly approving the proposal, subject to a number of amendments (consultation procedure). These were aimed inter alia at boosting the influence of fishing industry representatives. Whereas the Commission itself was proposing to appoint non-voting industry representatives to the Agency's Administrative Board, the committee said that these representatives should be full voting members and be nominated by the fishing industry's representative association.

Other amendments sought to place efforts to control illegal fishing firmly among the Agency's goals, along with the harmonisation of fisheries control procedures between the Member States, to help create a level playing field. MEPs also wanted the Agency to set up a training centre for national fisheries inspectors. Finally, they suggested that the Agency should be sited in the Galician port of Vigo in Spain, with the host country contributing to some of the costs.