

Fishery resources: transposal into Community law of control and technical measures adopted by the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organisation NAFO

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The committee adopted the report by Luis Manuel CAPOULAS SANTOS (PES, PT) amending - under the consultation procedure - the proposal for a Council regulation laying down conservation and enforcement measures applicable in the Regulatory Area of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organisation (NAFO). The amendments were designed to incorporate into the text any developments which had taken place after the proposal was drawn up, in particular the provisions contained in the most recent regulation on total allowable catches (TACs) and quotas (Regulation (EC) No 41/2007 of 21 December 2006 fixing for 2007 the fishing opportunities and associated conditions applicable in Community waters and, for Community vessels, in waters where catch limitations are required).

The provisions covered *inter alia* by-catch retained on board, by-catch in any one haul, directed fisheries and by-catch, mesh sizes, fisheries restricted areas, chartering arrangements, trans-shipments, data collection, special arrangements for shrimp fishing, infringement proceedings, enhanced follow-up in the case of serious infringements, reports on such investigations, enforcement measures and measures in respect of vessels engaging in illegal and unauthorised fishing.