

COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 14 June 1999

amending Decision 98/131/EC approving the multi-annual guidance programme for the fishing fleet of Sweden for the period from 1 January 1997 to 31 December 2001

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(Only the Swedish text is authentic)

(1999/446/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 2468/98 of 3 November 1998 laying down the criteria and arrangements regarding Community structural assistance in the Fisheries and Aquaculture sector and the processing and marketing of its products ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Articles 5 and 6 thereof,

Having regard to Council Decision 97/413/EC of 26 June 1997 concerning the objectives and detailed rules for restructuring the Community fisheries sector for the period from 1 January 1997 to 31 December 2001 with a view to achieving a balance on a sustainable basis between resources and their exploitation ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 9(1) thereof,

- (1) Whereas the objectives fixed by Commission Decision 98/131/EC of 16 December 1997 approving the multi-annual guidance programme for the fishing fleet of Sweden for the period from 1 January 1997 to 31 December 2001 ⁽³⁾ were calculated using the information available at that time;
- (2) Whereas in order to improve the quality of the catches by pelagic vessels and hence increase the proportion of these catches landed for human consumption it is necessary to allow an increase in their capacity;
- (3) Whereas that this increase in capacity should be achieved by a reallocation of capacity from other segments and should not result in an increase in the global objectives fixed by Decision 98/131/EC;
- (4) Whereas the Management Committee for Fisheries and Aquaculture failed to deliver an opinion within the time allowed by its chairman,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The table of objectives for the multi-annual guidance programmes for the fishing fleet of Sweden for the period 1 January 1997 to 31 December 2001, shown in the Annex to the present Decision, including the footnotes, cancels and replaces that shown in the Annex to Decision 98/131/EC.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 312, 20.11.1998, p. 19.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 175, 30.7.1997, p. 27.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 39, 12.2.1998, p. 79.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Kingdom of Sweden.

Done at Brussels, 14 June 1999.

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission

ANNEX

Area	Stocks	Segment	Catch composition	Pilot rate	Weighted reduction	Situation 1.1.1997		Objective 31.12.1996				Objective 31.12.2001			
						GT (*)	kW	GT (*)	kW	GT (*) × t ('000)	kW × t ('000)	GT (*)	kW	GT (*) × t ('000)	kW × t ('000)
Baltic, Kattegat and Skagerrak		Small scale coastal vessels < 12 metres		0 %	0 %	7 774	90 328	7 974	92 328			7 974	92 328		
<i>Subtotal</i>						7 774	90 328	7 974	92 328			7 974	92 328		
Kattegat, Skagerrak and North Sea	Shrimp and demersal	Trawlers	DR: 7,3 % OF: 0,0 % Others: 92,7 %	30 %	2,2 %	5 619	22 560	5 619	23 560			5 496	23 044		
Baltic, Kattegat, Skagerrak and North Sea	Pelagic	Trawlers, purse seiners ⁽¹⁾	DR: 1,8 % OF: 0,0 % Others: 98,2 %	30 %	0,5 %	18 556	63 119	23 353	83 922			23 256	83 586		
Baltic, Kattegat, Skagerrak and North Sea	Cod and nephrops	Bottom trawlers	DR: 15,0 % OF: 73,0 % Others: 12,0 %	30 %	26,4 %	15 481	64 494	11 841	49 741	2 250	9 451	11 841	49 741	1 656	6 956
Baltic	Cod	Passive gear ⁽²⁾ > 12 metres	OF: 92,0 % Others: 8,0 %	20 %	18,4 %	2 741	13 114	2 856	14 564			2 330	11 884		
Baltic	Salmon	Passive gear ⁽²⁾ vessels > 12 metres	DR: 58,0 % OF: 29,0 % Others: 13,0 %	30 %	26,1 %	354	1 723	354	1 723			262	1 273		
<i>Subtotal</i>						42 751	165 010	44 023	173 510			43 185	169 529		
Total						50 525	255 338	51 997	265 838			51 159	261 857		

DR: Depletion Risk.

OF: Overfished.

(*) Includes estimated GT values in accordance with Article 4 of the present Decision. The objectives will be revised as real GT values become available.

⁽¹⁾ In accordance with Article 2(4) of Decision 97/413/EC and following the procedures of Article 18 of Regulation (EEC) No 3760/92 the Commission may approve, on request of the Swedish authorities, an increase of capacity for this segment aiming at exploiting additional fishing possibilities for Baltic herring. The limits for this increase of capacity will be established in the light of all relevant information on the state of the Baltic herring stocks.⁽²⁾ Provisional capacity figures are indicated for these two segments. The figures may be subject to modification, i.e. in the light of improved catch composition data and precised allocation of vessels between segments.