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COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 7 June 1999

amending Decision 98/119/EC approving the multiannual guidance programme for the fishing fleet of France for the period from 1 January 1997 to 31 December 2001

(notified under document number C(1999) 1475)

(Only the French text is authentic)

(1999/442/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 98/119/EC of 16 December 1997 approving the multiannual guidance programme for the fishing fleet of France for the period from 1 January 1997 to 31 December 2001 [3], were calculated using the information available at that time;

(2) Whereas Decision 98/119/EC stated that the objectives for the fleets operating in the French Overseas Departments would be fixed when the Scientific, Technical and Economic Committee for Fisheries had given its opinion on the information supplied by France concerning these areas;

(3) Whereas in the light of the comments of this Committee and on the request of France the objectives for 31 December 2001 for these fleets should now be specified;

(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 multiannual guidance programmes for the fishing fleet of France for the period 1997 to 2001, shown in the Annex to the present Decision, including the footnotes, cancels and replaces that shown in the Annex to Decision 98/119/EC.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the French Republic.

Done at Brussels, 7 June 1999.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

[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. 1.

ANNEX

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Area	Stocks	Segment	Fishery	Catch composition	Pilot rate	Weighted reduction	Situation 1.1.1997		Objective 31.12.1996 (1)				Objective 31.12.2001 (1)			
							GT (*)	kW	GT (*)	kW	GT (*) × t ('000)	kW × t ('000)	GT (*)	kW	GT (*) × t ('000)	kW × t ('000)
EU waters		Small scale coastal <12 metres					12 602	170 809	11 295	164 874			11 295	164 874		
			Subtotal				12 602	170 809	11 295	164 874			11 295	164 874		
Atlantic, Channel, North Sea	Demersal and pelagic	Trawlers 0 to 30 m		DR: 4 % OF: 25 % Others: 71 %	25 %	7,3 %	60 610	393 326	65 709	365 429			60 847	338 387		
	Demersal and pelagic	Trawlers >30 m		DR: 8 % OF: 23 % Others: 69 %	30 %	9,3 %	34 364	85 388	41 924	85 388	11 445	23 909	41 924	85 388	10 381	21 685
	Demersal and pelagic	Non trawlers 12 to 25 m		DR: 3 % OF: 18 % Others: 79 %	25 %	5,3 %	11 764	67 908	10 332	65 418			97 753	61 755		
	Demersal and pelagic	Non trawlers >25 m		DR: 0 % OF: 94 % Others: 6 %	20 %	18,8 %	1 249	3 295	1 124	3 142			913	2 551		
	Pelagic	Pelagic trawlers >50 m	Community waters	DR: 11 % OF: 19 % Others: 70 %	30 %	9,0 %					2 063	2 540			1 877	2 311
			Inter-national waters (2)													
		Segment total					5 857	8 580	6 970	8 580			6 970	8 580		

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							GT (*)	kW	GT (*)	kW	GT (*) × t ('000)	kW × t ('000)	GT (*)	kW	GT (*) × t ('000)	kW × t ('000)
Mediterranean	Demersal and small pelagic	Small scale specialised		DR: 0 % OF: 0 % Others: 100 %	0 %	0 %	4 915	96 877	5 078	99 722			5 078	99 722		
	Demersal and small pelagic	Trawlers (3)		DR: 0 % OF: 0 % Others: 100 %	0 %	0 %	8 412	48 644	7 530	43 144	1 838	10 673	7 530	43 144	1 838	10 673
	Pelagic	Seiners	Tuna	DR: 0 % OF: 100 % Others: 0 %	20 %	20,0 %					785	4 676			628	3 741
			Small pelagics	DR: 0 % OF: 0 % Others: 100 %	0 %	0 %					106	626			106	626
		Segment total					4 974	25 965	4 974	25 965	891	5 302	4 974	25 965		
International waters	Pelagic (4)	Dakar pole and line vessels			0 %	0 %	1 744	3 935	1 744	3 935			1 744	3 935		
	Large pelagic (Tuna) (4)	Seiners			0 %	0 %	32 978	82 859	34 561	87 494			34 561	87 494		
Subtotal							*166 867*	*816 777*	*179 946*	*788 217*			*174 294*	*756 921*		
Total							179 469	987 586	191 241	953 091			185 589	921 795		

DR: Depletion risk:
OF: Overfished.

(*) Includes estimated GT values.
(1) The conversion of the tonnage objectives from GRT to GT will be revised by 31 December 1999 at the latest.
(2) The objectives for the fishery will be fixed in accordance with the provisions of Article 8 of Council Decision 97/413/EC.
(3) The capacity objectives for 1996 have been increased by 722 GT and 4 500 kW, representing 45 % of the backlog from the MAGP III.
(4) The objectives for this segment may be revised when the Scientific, Technical and Economic Committee for Fisheries has given its opinion concerning additional information submitted by France.

FRENCH OVERSEAS DEPARTMENTS

	Stocks	Segment	Catch composition	Pilot rate	Weighted reduction	Situation 1.1.1997		Objective 31.12.1996 (1)		Objective 31.12.2001 (1)	
						GT	kW	GT	kW	GT	kW×t
Réunion	Demersal and pelagic	<12 metres		0 %	0 %			811	12 475	1 000	15 000
	Pelagic	Tuna vessels		0 %	0 %			1 200	6 500	4 400	11 000
	Pelagic	Others >12 metres		0 %	0 %			2 350	2 610	4 055	8 110
					Subtotal			*4 361*	*21 585*	*9 455*	*34 110*
French Guiana	Demersal and pelagic	<12 metres		0 %	0 %			325	4 369	400	5 250
	Crustacea	Shrimp vessels		0 %	0 %			6 526	19 726	6 526	19 726
	Pelagic	Offshore vessels		0 %	0 %			361	1 618	3 500	5 000
					Subtotal			*7 212*	*25 713*	*10 426*	*29 976*
Martinique	Demersal and pelagic	<12 metres		0 %	0 %			2 301	54 584	2 800	65 500
	Pelagic	>12 metres		0 %	0 %			317	1 463	1 000	3 000
					Subtotal			*2 618*	*56 047*	*3 800*	*68 500*
Guadeloupe	Demersal and pelagic	<12 metres		0 %	0 %			3 400	87 522	4 100	105 000
	Pelagic	<12 metres		0 %	0 %			200	868	500	1 750
					Subtotal			*3 600*	*88 390*	*4 600*	*106 750*
					Total			17 791	191 735	28 281	239 336

(1) The conversion of the tonnage objectives from GRT to GT.'