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COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 30 March 2000

amending Decision 98/123/EC approving the multiannual guidance programme for the fishing fleet of Italy for the period from 1 January 1997 to 31 December 2001

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(Only the Italian text is authentic)

(2000/279/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 2792/1999 of 17 December 1999 laying down the detailed rules and arrangements regarding Community structural assistance in the fisheries sector [1], and in particular Article 5(3) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Council Decision 97/413/EC [2] fixes 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) The objectives fixed by Commission Decision 98/123/EC [3] were calculated using the information available at that time.

(3) The footnote to the table of objectives in the Annex to Decision 98/123/EC envisaged the setting up of a working group by the Commission and the Italian authorities in order to bring the data on the Italian fleet since 1992 up to date.

(4) In the light of the conclusions of that working group, the objectives for the fishing fleet of Italy should be revised.

(5) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Fisheries and Aquaculture,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The table in the Annex to Decision 98/123/EC is replaced by the table in the Annex to this Decision.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Italian Republic.

Done at Brussels, 30 March 2000.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

[1] OJ L 337, 30.12.1999, p. 10.
[2] OJ L 175, 30.7.1997, p. 27.
[3] OJ L 39, 12.2.1998, p. 27.

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 (*)	kW
Coastal	Demersal and pelagic	Small scale coastal < 12 metres 4H1	DR: 0 % OF: 0 % Others: 100 %	0 %	0 %	9 818	80 845	10 704	79 994	10 704	79 994
					Subtotal	*9 818*	*80 845*	*10 704*	*79 994*	*10 704*	*79 994*
Coastal	Demersal and pelagic	Bottom trawlers 4H2	DR: 0 % OF: 0 % Others: 100 %	0 %	0 %	82 115	410 198	64 152	312 437	64 152	312 437
	Demersal and pelagic	Pelagic pair trawlers 4H3	DR: 0 % OF: 0 % Others: 100 %	0 %	0 %	808	4 937	794	4 749	794	4 749
	Demersal and pelagic	Small purse seiners 4H4	DR: 0 % OF: 1 % Others: 99 %	20 %	0,2 %	58 534	485 509	58 338	454 128	58 221	453 220
	Demersal	Hydraulic dredgers 4H5	DR: 0 % OF: 0 % Others: 100 %	0 %	0 %	9 373	96 557	9 802	95 108	9 802	95 108
	Demersal and pelagic	Polyvalents 4H6	DR: 0 % OF: 0,4 % Others: 99,6 %	20 %	0,1 %	34 004	224 040	30 839	199 561	30 808	199 361
Mediterranean	Demersal	Bottom trawlers 4H7	DR: 0 % OF: 0 % Others: 100 %	0 %	0 %	5 175	15 493	8 025	22 276	8 025	22 276
	Demersal	Polyvalents non-trawlers 4H8	DR: 0 % OF: 0 % Others: 100 %	0 %	0 %	2 065	8 449	6 301	23 696	6 301	23 696
	Pelagic	Tuna purse seiners 4H9	DR: 0 % OF: 55 % Others: 45 %	20 %	11,0 %	3 157	12 258	3 548	13 574	3 158	12 081
	Demersal and pelagic	Swordfish fleet 4HA	DR: 0 % OF: 60 % Others: 40 %	20 %	12,0 %	9 804	87 110	10 205	97 147	8 980	85 489

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Oceans	Demersal and pelagic	Trawlers and purse seiners 4HB	DR: 0 % OF: 0 % Others: 100 %	0 %	0 %	13 828	30 215	29 232	53 364	29 232	53 364
					Subtotal	*218 863*	*1 374 766*	*221 236*	*1 276 040*	*219 474*	*1 261 781*
					Total	**228 681**	**1 455 611**	**231 940**	**1 356 034**	**230 178**	**1 341 775**

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.

The revised situation for the Italian fleet at 1 January 1992 and 31 December 1996 has been established on the basis of the results of the joint Comission/Italian working group during the period January 1998 to February 1999. The revised situation affects the calculation of the start and end objectives of MAGP III. The global end objectives of MAGP III represent the global starting objectives for the MAGP IV. The segment objectives are based on the allocation of vessels between segments according to the situation at 1 January 1997.

The figures as regards the situation and the MAGP IV objectives are subject to verification before 30 June 2000 and may therefore be corrected in a future MAGP decision for italy. In particular:

— the capacity of segments 4H, 4H8 and 4H9 includes vessels from other segments that have been misallocated. A total of 3 633 GT and 14 177 kW must be removed from these segments and reallocated to the other segments of the fleet,

— eleven vessels have not been allocated to any segment. Their capacity (587 GT and 2 341 kW) will be added to the situataion at 1 January 1997 and the objectives will be adjusted accordingly,

— vessels in segment 4HA that are obliged to change from driftnet fishing to other fishing activities will be moved to other fleet segments and the objectives will be adjusted accordingly.'