COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No 53/98

of 19 December 1997

allocating for 1998 catch quotas between Member States for vessels fishing in Estonian waters

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 3760/92 of 20 December 1992 establishing a Community system for fisheries and aquaculture [1], and in particular Article 8(4) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas, in accordance with the procedure provided for in the Agreement on fisheries relations between the European Community and the Republic of Estonia [2], and in particular Articles 3 and 6 thereof, the Community and Estonia have held consultations concerning their mutual fishing rights for 1998 and the management of common living resources;

Whereas, in the course of these consultations, the delegations agreed to recommend to their respective authorities that certain catch quotas for 1998 should be fixed for the vessels of the other Party;

Whereas the necessary measures should be taken to implement, for 1998, the results of the consultations held with Estonia;

Whereas to ensure efficient management of the catch possibilities available in Estonian waters, quotas should be allocated among Member States in accordance with Article 8 of Regulation (EEC) No 3760/92;

Whereas the fishing activities covered by this Regulation are subject to the control measures provided for by Council Regulation (EEC) No 2847/93 of 12 October 1993 establishing a control system applicable to the common fisheries policy [3];

Whereas additional conditions for the year-to-year management of TACs and quotas, in accordance with the provisions laid down in Article 2 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 [4], were not agreed with Estonia;

Whereas, for imperative reasons of common interest, this Regulation will apply from 1 January 1998,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

From 1 January to 31 December 1998 vessels flying the flag of a Member State are hereby authorized to make catches within the quota limits set out in the Annex in waters falling within the fisheries jurisdiction of Estonia.

Article 2

The financial contribution provided for in Article 4 of the Agreement on fisheries relations between the European Community and the Republic of Estonia shall be set for the period referred to in Article 1 at ECU 465 467, payable to an account designated by Estonia.

Article 3

Stocks referred to in the Annex shall not be subject to the conditions laid down in Articles 2, 3 and 5(2) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96.

Article 4

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

It shall apply from 1 January 1998.

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[1] OJ L 389, 31. 12. 1992, p. 1. Regulation as amended by the 1994 Act of Accession.
[2] OJ L 332, 20. 12. 1996, p. 16.
[3] OJ L 261, 20. 10. 1993, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2205/97 (OJ L 304, 7. 11. 1997, p. 1).
[4] OJ L 115, 9. 5. 1996, p. 3.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 19 December 1997.

For the Council

The President

F. BODEN

ANNEX

Allocation of Community catch quotas in Estonian waters for 1998

(in metric tonnes, fresh round weight; for salmon: numbers of individual fish)

Species	ICES division	Community catch quotas	Quotas allocated to Member States	
Cod	IIId	763	Denmark	284
			Finland	122
			Germany	128
			Sweden	229
Herring	IIId	3 000	Denmark	1 431
			Finland	0
			Germany	1 073
			Sweden	496
Salmon	IIId	5 400	Denmark	2 101
			Finland	2 021
			Germany	233
			Sweden	1 045
Sprat	IIId	13 000	Denmark	7 562
			Finland	0
			Germany	2 010
			Sweden	3 428