

Parlamentul României Senat

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OPINION

of the SENATE OF ROMANIA

on the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the State of Play of the Common Fisheries Policy and Consultation on the Fishing Opportunities for 2020

COM (2019) 274 final

The Senate of Romania has examined the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the State of Play of the Common Fisheries Policy and Consultation on the Fishing Opportunities for 2020 - COM (2019) 274 final, according to the provisions of the Treaty of Lisbon (Protocol no.1).

Taking into account the report of the Committee for European Affairs no. LXII/274/25.09.2019, the plenum of the Senate, during its session of October 2, 2019, has decided the following:

- 1. Considers that the Commission's analysis of the Black Sea fishery reflects the real situation and that in order to improve the level of stocks, the collaboration of all the states bordering the Black Sea is needed, to ensure data collection and streamline inspection and control actions, in order to achieve a sustainable exploitation of living aquatic resources from the Black Sea.
- 2. Considering the evolutions of the last years regarding the management in the Black Sea region, it appreciates the particularly important role of regional bodies in ensuring effective fisheries management in the region and better governance, by conducting regular performance assessments, preventing and combating illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing, scientific consultancy, promoting appropriate measures for maritime monitoring, control and surveillance.
- 3. Requests, on the basis of the principles of proportionality and equal access to resources, to amend Regulation (EU) no. 1380/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 on the Common Fisheries Policy, Annex 2, in order to allow the increase of the capacity of Romania's fishing fleet (kw) proportional to that of the countries bordering the Black Sea, a necessity highlighted by the impossibility of integral fishing of the national quota due to the impossibility of registering new vessels with adequate capacity to the real situation.

President of the Senate

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