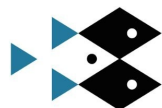




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14 January 2021

**CALL TO THE MEMBERS OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT:
VOTE FOR TRANSPARENCY IN THE UPCOMING PECH REPORT**

Dear Member of the European Parliament,

With this letter, Access Info Europe, the EU Fisheries Control Coalition, and 62 other European and global organisations request you to **support amendments to the EU's Fisheries Control Regulation**, so that there is transparency on the enforcement of fishing rules, country by country, and that consumers can be sure the fish on their plates is legal and sustainable.

In the crucial **vote to take place in the PECH Committee** on 26 January **and then in plenary**, it is essential that you support amendments which will deliver the transparency needed to fight illegal fishing and potential corruption. These include ensuring that the EU Member States and the European Commission can publish aggregated data on the implementation of the fisheries control rules.

Unless this information is made publicly available by Member States and the EU, other Member States, civil society, individuals with grounds of legitimate interest and MEPs are all in the dark about whether the control and sanctions regime is being enforced.

The **ENVI Committee has already supported these amendments**, which are essential to ensure that EU fisheries rules adhere to EU transparency principles – as established by the jurisprudence of the Court of Justice of the European Union – and to ensure that fishing is fully sustainable in line with the European Green Deal.

The key amendments which we are urging you to support are:

- *Article 93a - National control programmes*
(PECH tabled AMs 1002, 1004, 1005, 1007, 1008. ENVI opinion adopted AMs 106, 107 and 108.)
Require that Member States publish on an annual basis the national control programmes and their evaluation, with aggregated information on the number of fishing trips inspected, the number of illegal activities detected, and the number of environmental crimes penalised.
- *Article 101 – Public information on European Commission audits*
(PECH tabled AMs 1022. ENVI opinion adopted AM 109.)

Require the European Commission to publish information on the implementing activities of public – not private – entities from the audits of Member State control systems, including upon access to documents requests submitted by EU citizens under Regulation 1049/2001 as well as under the Aarhus Convention.

- **Article 113 – *Member State veto***

(PECH tabled AMs 1053 and 1054. ENVI opinion adopted AM 121 and 122.)

Require the removal of the right of Member States to veto the transmission of environmental data in paragraph 2 and 3 without having to give any reasons for their refusal.

- **Article 118 – *Bi-annual public reporting***

(PECH tabled AMs 1066, 1067, 1068, 1069, and 1070. ENVI opinion adopted AMs 126, 127 and 128.)

Require the submission of reports on the implementation of the Control Regulation carried out by Member States every two years – not five – establishing the same frequency as under the IUU regulation; require a summary of these submissions to be publicly available on the website of the European Commission.

We ask you, as a Member of the European Parliament, to support this proposal and thereby **to fight illegal fishing and to guarantee accountable and sustainable fishing in the EU.**

Sincerely,

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