COMMITTEE: Environmental commission

ISSUE: Increasing sustainable ways of fishing

MAIN SUBMITTER: India

CO SUBMITTERS: Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Estonia, , Egypt, Germany, Brazil, Colombia, Central African Republic, Venezuela, Canada, Bangladesh, Luxembourg, Australia, Argentina, Burkina Faso, Algeria,

THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION,

*Guided* by the principles of the Charter of the United Nations,

*Recognising* past efforts to fix the issue,

*Realising* the severity of unsustainable fishing for long term consequences,

*Noting with deep concern* the unfaithfulness towards set fishing quotas,

1. Suggests the establishment of an operating body that will be run independently by nations or as a whole by the UN charged with monitoring and collecting data such as but not limited to:
2. Quantities of each species of fish caught in specific fishing areas,
3. Quantities of each species of fish each company or corporation has caught in specific fishing areas,
4. Quantities of fish each company, corporation and/or nation has caught in a specific time frame in order to:
5. Be able to accurately track which corporations or nations breach the imposed IFQs (Individual Fishing Quotas),
6. Be able to impose appropriate sanctions to said offenders;
7. Advises nations to follow as strictly as possible the advice of panels of experts on the matter of establishing quotas such as but not limited to TAC (Total Allowable Catches);
8. Urges all parties involved to pass laws that impose grave financial sanctions on companies, corporations, individuals and nations that don’t rigorously follow the IFQ or TAC established for their business and/or area, where sanctions could be based on figures such as but not limited to:
9. The quantity of fish caught over the IFQ or TAC of the specific entity,
10. The income generated by such quantity of fish, and further prosecution could be done by:
11. Removing government funding to said offender,
12. Revoke the offender’s permit to fish for a set amount of time, or if needed an indefinite amount of time;
13. Calls for laws to be passed on how fishing vessels must handle bycatch such as but not limited to:
14. Non-wanted caught fish,
15. Plastic, in order to:
16. Limit the amount of discards and thus waste of natural finite resources,
17. Limit the impact done to the area and safeguard the environment;
18. Urges for more research to be done on developing sustainable fishing methods in order to preserve our marine wildlife, which can be achieved by establishing NOAA-like (National Ocean and Atmospheric Administration) associations, with deadline dates for such research to be established;
19. Advises all involved parties to reduce the use of unsustainable fishing methods gradually until the point of extinction, the rate depending on each sovereign state such as but not limited to:
20. Bottom trawling,
21. Dynamite fishing, where offenders can:
22. Be prosecuted,
23. Face sanctions,
24. Face charges, depending on the gravity of the outcome;
25. Emphasises the need for the spread of public awareness on the threats and likely consequences of unsustainable fishing in order to:
26. Help preserve the marine wildlife,
27. Educate the public to encourage the public to support corporations that fish sustainably and condemn the ones that don’t through:
    * 1. Posters,
      2. Lectures from sustainable fishing experts,
      3. TV ads,
      4. social media,
      5. Newspaper articles,
      6. radio campaigns
28. Try and steer the public towards a lifestyle that is more sustainable for the environment, which can be done through methods such as but not limited to:
    * + - 1. Social media,
          2. Television campaigns and documentaries,
          3. Radio campaigns,
          4. Newspaper articles;
29. Endorses an act of transferable individual or collective rights which includes such as but not limited to:
    * 1. subjecting marine biological resources to rights of use but not private rights
      2. also subjecting to different fishing restrictions depending on the type of fish.