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Report Highlights:

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General Information:

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The text of the government Resolution can be found here: <http://government.ru/docs/16237/>.

In general, the document sets objectives, tasks and major developments of the fisheries sector until 2020. It also highlights mechanisms for implementation of the activities in the sector and indicators to evaluate efficiency.

The amendments include the new 8th subprogram on “Development of Sturgeon Farming” in addition to the following sub-programs: “Organizing of Fishing,” “Aquaculture Development,” “Science and Innovation,” “Protection and Control,” “Modernization and Motivation,” “Increase Efficiency for Use and Development of Resource Potential of the Fishery Sector,” and “Providing Conditions to Ensure Implementation of the State program.”

Also, a number of program objectives were identified in more detail: to shift the Russian fishing industry away from its current focus on exportation of raw materials to a focus on innovative development with preservation (adding value), sustainable harvesting, the introduction of new technologies, development of import substitution sub-sectors, providing the share of domestically produced fish products in parameters set in the Food Security Doctrine of the Russian Federation, and ensure fish and seafood products produced in Russia compete locally and globally.

In addition, the following activities were introduced to the Program:

- carrying out research works in the field of formation of infrastructure and development of fisheries sector;
- construction and reconstruction of fish-breeding plants;
- development of research and production base of aquaculture;
- reconstruction of objects of federal property – port construction of fish terminals in seaports;
- complex capital reconstruction of research vessels.

Budget finance of the state program is brought into accord with the federal budget for 2014 and for planning period of 2015 and 2016; and with the budget for 2015 and for planning period 2016 and 2017. For 2018-2020, budget finance is in compliance with recommendations of the Ministry of Finance of the Russian Federation to limit expenses for implementation of state programs in 2018-2020.

Additional allocations of the federal budget are directed on implementation of activities under the following sub-programs: "Aquaculture Development," "Science and Innovations," "Modernization and Motivation," and "Increase Efficiency of Use and Development of Resource Potential of the Fishery Sector.”

Due to the increase in budgetary appropriations from the federal budget, indicators were specified for the program. Thus, the volume of production (catch) of water biological resources by 2020 is forecast at the level of 4.5 million MT (instead of 3.9 million MT), production of fish and fish processed and preserved products also is forecast increase to 4.0 million MT by 2020 (instead of 3.4 million MT).

The share of locally produced fish products in the domestic market in 2020 will account for 80 percent

that corresponds to the Russian Food Security Doctrine (approved by Decree # 120, signed by the President of Russia on January 30, 2010). The average per capita consumption of fish and fish products of the population (according to sample survey of household budgets) will reach 22.7 kg by 2020. Aquaculture production will reach 315,500 MT annually by 2020, rather than the previously set 150,000 MT.

There will be an annual assessment of the efficiency of implementation of the state program, based on the use of system of indicators.

The full text of the amended Program can be viewed here:

<http://government.ru/media/files/ulCPlqzA6Nw.pdf>

For more information about the Program and other regulatory documents of the Russian fisheries sector can be found in GAIN 1419 Seafood Production and Trade Update

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