



# The Trawler

## TOP NEWS – SEPTEMBER 2016

### COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES

Thursday, 8 September, 9:00 - 12:30

Room: Altiero Spinelli (ASP) 5G-2

### HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ “Technical measures”: presentation of working document and debate
- ▶ Presentation of draft report on the “Sustainable management of external fishing fleets”
- ▶ Exchange of views on Characteristics for fishing vessels (recast)

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### AGENDA

#### Next Fisheries Committee meetings:

Monday, 10 October, 15:00-18:30  
Tuesday, 11 October, 9:00-12:30 and  
15:00-18:30

#### Next Fisheries Committee hearing:

**Marine Protected Areas (MPAs):** Valuing Marine Biodiversity and Ecosystems for the Blue Economy

Wednesday, 9 November, 16:30-18:30

## WORDS FROM THE CHAIR



*Alain CADEC  
Chair of Committee on Fisheries*

Dear colleagues,

After a well-deserved summer break we get back to our parliamentary duties.

The first semester of 2016 brought us important political agreements with the Council, on the legislative proposals on the multi-annual management plan for the Baltic cod and Deep sea fishing. Let's hope that by the end of this year we will be well advanced towards agreements on the management plan for the North Sea and on the "Technical measures" file.

The proposal on technical measures was indeed most highly anticipated. All the MEPs will have an opportunity to propose their amendments. However, I would like to draw your attention to two fundamental issues related to our work that are also closely associated with the multi-annual management plans.

The first issue is delegated acts. Delegated acts are indeed useful and most often necessary, as they streamline the process of lawmaking and permit the co-legislators to concentrate on policy direction and objectives without entering into overly detailed and often highly technical debates. However, I am concerned about the conditions under which the Parliament and the Council too often delegate these important powers to the Commission. Sometimes, when drafting legislation, we delegate a lot of powers without being aware of the content of the delegated acts to be adopted. Therefore, I think all the rapporteurs of our Committee should demand to know the guidelines for future delegated acts already at the stage of negotiations. Delegated acts must be considered together with the basic legislative act.

The second issue is scientific advice. The lengthy negotiations on the management plan for the Baltic Sea have shown that different interpretations of the ICES opinions created great difficulties. Thus, in the future, we would expect the Commission to explain well in advance its methodology, particularly the specifics of its requests for a scientific advice. The future dialogues, no doubt, will be much more cumbersome if the Parliament, the Council and the Commission do not share the same understanding of concepts and scientific data.

Alain CADEC

## ONGOING DOSSIERS

Reports	Rapporteur	Type of procedure	PECH Committee vote	Plenary Session Vote
Sustainable management of external fishing fleets <a href="#">2015/0289(COD)</a>	Engström	COD	9-10/11/2016	DEC 2016
Conservation of fishery resources and protection of marine ecosystems through technical measures <a href="#">2016/0074(COD)</a>	Mato	COD	MAR 2017	TBC
Characteristics for fishing vessels. Recast <a href="#">2016/0145 (COD)</a>	Kuhn	COD	9-10/11/2016	JAN 2017
International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT): management, conservation and control measures applicable in the Convention Area <a href="#">2016/0187(COD)</a>	TBC	COD	TBC	TBC
EU/Cook Islands Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement and implementation Protocol <a href="#">2016/0077(NLE)</a>	Ferreira	NLE	5/12/2016	JAN 2017
EU/Norway Agreement: reciprocal access to fishing in the Skagerrak for vessels flying the flag of Denmark, Norway and Sweden <a href="#">2016/0192(NLE)</a>	Dohrmann	NLE	9-10/11/2016	DEC 2016
How to make fisheries controls in Europe uniform <a href="#">2015/2093(INI)</a>	Thomas	INI	12/07/2016	OCT I 2016
Management of the fishing fleets in the outermost regions <a href="#">2016/2016(INI)</a>	Rodust	INI	MAR 2017	APR 2017
The role of fisheries-related tourism in the diversification of fisheries <a href="#">2016/2035(INI)</a>	Briano	INI	MAR 2017	APR 2017
Status of fish stocks and socio-economic situation of the fishing sector in the Mediterranean <a href="#">2016/2079 (INI)</a>	Affronte	INI	FEB 2017	MAR 2017
Reports adopted in PECH awaiting 1st/2nd reading agreements	Rapporteur	Type of procedure	PECH Committee vote	Plenary Session Vote
Fishing in the North-East Atlantic: specific conditions to fishing for deep-sea stocks, provisions for fishing in international waters <a href="#">2012/0179(COD)</a>	Thomas	COD	12/07/2016	DEC 2016 (TBC)
Long-term plan for cod stocks and the fisheries exploiting those stocks: management <a href="#">2012/0236(COD)</a>	Dodds	COD	12/07/2016	NOV I or II 2016 (TBC)
Collection, management and use of data in the fisheries sector and support for scientific advice regarding the Common Fisheries Policy. Recast <a href="#">2015/0133(COD)</a>	Affronte	COD	19/04/2016	OCT I 2016
Opinions	Rapporteur	Type of	PECH	Vote

		procedure	Committee vote	Commission au Fond
EU action Plan against wildlife trafficking <a href="#">2016/2076(INI)</a>	Serrão Santos	INI	10-11/10/2016	ENVI (12/10/2016)
An integrated European Union policy for the Arctic <a href="#">JOIN(2016)0021 final</a>	Wałęsa	INI	TBC	AFET (TBC)
Financial management for certain Member States experiencing or threatened with serious difficulties with respect to their financial stability 2016/0193(COD)	Ni Riada	COD	TBC	REGI (14/10/2016)
EU/Morocco Agreement: protection of geographical indications and designations of origin for agricultural products, fish and fishery products (...) <a href="#">2015/0203(NLE)</a>	Van Dalen	NLE	TBC <i>(pending legal advice)</i>	INTA (TBC)

*\*Note on procedures:*

**COD:** Ordinary legislative procedure; **CNS:** Consultation; **INI:** Own-Initiative;

**NLE:** Non-legislative (incl. consent to international agreements); **DEC:** Discharge; **BUD:** Budget

## DELEGATED AND IMPLEMENTING ACTS

Procedure	Legal basis	Delegated act	Deadline to object / request an extension
C(2016) 5549 final	Regulation (EU) N° 1380/2013 - Articles 11(2) and 18(1) and (3)	Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) .../... of 5.9.2016 establishing <b>fisheries conservation measures for the protection of the marine environment in the North Sea</b>	05/11/2016 Briefing note under preparation
C(2016) 5562 final	Regulation (EU) N° 1380/2013 - Articles 11(2) and 18(1) and (3)	Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) .../... of 5.9.2016 establishing <b>fisheries conservation measures for the protection of the marine environment in the Baltic Sea</b> and repealing Regulation (EU) 2015/1778	05/11/2016 Briefing note under preparation

## RESEARCH FROM THE POLICY DEPARTMENT 'B':

### REQUESTED:

- **Socioeconomic role and environmental impact of recreational, subsistence, small-scale and other fisheries in European Union**
- **Integration in the fisheries industry**
- **Regional ocean governance in Europe: the role of fisheries**
- **Sustainable blue growth in the EU and opportunities for small-scale fisheries**
- **The management of the fishing fleets in the outermost regions**

### PUBLISHED (SINCE 2014):

#### **CFP and fisheries management**

- *Impact of fisheries partnership agreements in the development of employment in the EU and in Third countries*
- *Markets of fisheries and aquaculture products: The added value chain and the role of promotion, labelling and consumer information*
- *The discard ban and its impact on the MSY objective on Fisheries*
- *Options of handling choke species in view of the EU landing obligation - the Baltic plaice example*
- *Social and Economic impact of the penalty point system*
- *A new technical measures framework for the new CFP (Workshop)*
- *The landing obligation and its implications on the control of fisheries*
- *The obligation to land all catches - consequences for the Mediterranean*
- *Future of the "Almadraba" sector. Traditional and sustainable tuna fishing methods in the EU*
- *Small scale fisheries and the zero discard target*
- *Best practice on the use of rights based management to reduce discards in mixed fisheries*
- *Infringement procedures and imposed sanctions throughout the EU*
- *Criteria for allocating access to fishing in the EU*
- *Alternative solutions for driftnet fisheries*
- *The conflict between static gear and mobile gear in inshore fisheries*
- *Inland fisheries and the CFP*
- *IUU fishing and sanctions in the EU*

#### **Ecologic Impact**

- *Sardine fisheries: resource assessment and social and economic situation*
- *Long-term economic and ecologic impact of larger sustainable aquaculture*
- *The impact of oil and gas drilling accidents on EU fisheries*
- *The use of FADs in tuna fisheries*

#### **Stocks**

- *Situation of the clam (*Tapes spp*) fisheries sector in the EU*
- *Pelagic fisheries and the canning industry in Outermost Regions*
- *Sea bass stocks and conservation measures in the EU*
- *Characteristics of multi-specific fisheries in the EU*

#### **Structural Policy**

- *Prospects for the development of tourism activities related to fishing*

#### **External dimension**

- *Fisheries management and the Arctic in the context of climate change*

#### **Mission briefings**

- *Fisheries in Norway (mission 2016)*
- *Fisheries in Poland (mission 2016)*
- *Fisheries in Galicia (mission 2016)*
- *Fisheries in Azores/Réunion (missions 2015)*
- *Fisheries in Germany (delegation 2014)*

@ You can access the studies and other documents via this [link](#)

## FISHERIES NEWS IN BRIEF

### COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

[News - Press service](#)

**Bluefin tuna: Council agrees on update of the multiannual recovery plan (18/07/2016)**

**On 18 July 2016 the Council adopted a new regulation which updates the multiannual recovery plan for Bluefin tuna in the eastern Atlantic and the Mediterranean.**

The new rules improve the existing recovery plan. This plan has been successful in helping reverse the downward trend in Bluefin tuna stocks, a cause for concern. The regulation transposes into Union law measures adopted by the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) between 2012 and 2014. In particular it transposes recommendation 14-04, which **rationalises the existing control provisions** and sets out procedures in relation to the use of **stereoscopic cameras, release operations and the treatment of dead fish** in the recovery plan.

The plan for Bluefin tuna (*Thunnus thynnus*) applies from 2007 until 2022. It was recommended by ICCAT, an inter-governmental fishery organisation responsible for the conservation of tunas and tuna-like species in the Atlantic Ocean and its adjacent seas. The EU is a contracting party to ICCAT.

This adoption by the Council confirms the first reading agreement reached with the European Parliament in April 2016. The regulation will **enter into force and become applicable by the end of 2016**.

### EUROPEAN COMMISSION

[News - Press service](#)

**FAO Committee on Fisheries and Aquaculture: A big but not perfect stride in the fight against IUU fishing (19/07/2016)**

**The fight against illegal fishing was a key topic of conversation at the United Nations' Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) with FAO's Committee on Fisheries and Aquaculture (COFI) celebrating the entry into force of the FAO Port State Measures Agreement (PSMA) at its meeting in Rome on 11-15 July.**

The Committee also took important decisions in the fight against illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing, but stopped short of adopting guidelines on catch document schemes, much to the regret of the EU. The EU nevertheless welcomes progress made on sustainable small-scale fisheries, gear marking and tackling ghost gear. The EU also called on FAO to improve cooperation and coordination with other international bodies.

The highlight of the COFI session was the high-level event to celebrate the entry into force on 5 June of the landmark FAO Port State Measures Agreement to prevent, deter and eliminate IUU fishing. More than 30 entities, including the EU in 2011, have ratified this agreement so far. Mr Joao Aguiar Machado, Director General of the European Commission's Directorate General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, took the opportunity to call on all states to join the EU in its fight against IUU fishing and prevent IUU products from entering the market.

COFI expressed its support to further tackle IUU fishing through a global record of fishing vessels, by developing ways to estimate the scale of IUU fishing, and by organising an International Day on IUU fishing. The EU welcomes these decisions. Disappointingly however, delegates could not agree to adopt voluntary guidelines on catch documentation schemes. The EU considers such guidelines essential to prevent illegally caught fish from

entering the market, and regrets this lack of agreement.

The EU welcomed FAO's 2016 Report on the State of World Fisheries and Aquaculture (SOFIA). According to the report, global per capita fish consumption has for the first time risen to above 20 kilogrammes a year, thanks to stronger aquaculture supply, record hauls for some key species and reduced wastage. However, almost a third of commercial fish stocks are now fished at biologically unsustainable levels, triple the level of 1974. The EU itself has committed to sustainable fisheries by 2020, and called on all states to step up their efforts to improve this situation.

A horizontal theme arising in the discussions, and one strongly promoted by the EU, was the need for FAO to improve cooperation with other relevant bodies and processes. This includes the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the UN process on conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity beyond areas of national jurisdiction, the Convention on Biological Diversity and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. As a strong promoter of better international ocean governance, the EU believes that the many international organisations dealing with oceans need to step up their coordination and cooperation to ensure that our oceans and seas are managed sustainably.

In addition to participating in the discussions, the European Commission organised two side events to explain two cornerstones of the EU fisheries policy's external dimension: the Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreements and the EU's IUU policy.

#### Background

FAO-COFI sessions take place every other year. This 32nd session was attended by 108 members and more than 20 regional fisheries bodies and NGOs. FAO has 194 members and one member organisation: the European Union. The EU and its Member States are its biggest donors and have a strong voice in steering FAO action to defeat hunger, the organisation's key objective. The European Commission also provides funding for specific projects, such as the development of a global record on fishing vessels. More than 54 million people work in the fisheries and aquaculture sector worldwide. Fish is part of

the diet of more than 3 billion people around the world.

### **North Sea: a sustainable and profitable management plan for the region and its fishermen**

**(03/08/2016)**

**This first comprehensive plan covers more than 70% of the fishing sector, sets catch limits based on science and brings decision-making closer to the fisherman.**

The European Commission has proposed a multi-annual plan for demersal fish stocks in the North Sea. The proposal covers demersal fish stocks, i.e. fish that live and feed near the bottom of the sea, and aims to ensure that stocks are fished at sustainable levels. It will also bring decision-making closer to fishermen.

The new North Sea plan is the first comprehensive plan for this sea basin. The fisheries of the North Sea are highly complex, involving vessels from at least seven coastal Member States, as well as Norway. Vessels use a variety of fishing equipment and their catches consist of a mix of different species, such as cod and haddock, or plaice and sole. Today's proposal establishes a management plan that takes into account these mixed-fisheries interactions.

The proposal requires the EU to set catch limits that restore and maintain fish stocks above levels that can produce the **Maximum Sustainable Yield** (MSY). Fishing at MSY levels allows the fishing industry to profit with the highest amount of fish from the sea, while keeping fish stocks healthy.

The plan defines ranges within which catch limits can be set. Fishing opportunities in the higher part of the ranges will only be possible under clearly defined conditions and in line with the MSY approach. The plan also obliges the EU to take swift action when the sustainability of any demersal North Sea fish stock is threatened. This proposal will replace the current **cod recovery plan** as well as the **plan for plaice and sole**.

Certain decision-making powers will shift to the relevant national and regional authorities,

bringing decision-making closer to the fishermen through the so-called [regionalisation process](#). For instance, with the introduction of the [landing obligation](#), a key component of the EU's reformed [Common Fisheries Policy](#), the catch obtained beyond a vessel's quota cannot be discarded. Regional actors will be able to recommend tailor-made rules on the phasing-in of the landing obligation.

In order to improve fisheries' control, the proposal includes an obligation to land important species only in designated ports as well as new rules on the obligation to notify landings to authorities. The proposed rules aim to strike a balance between more flexibility for fishermen and more effective control: more fishermen will have to inform national authorities of their intended landings, but they will be able to do so at shorter notice.

Proposal for the North Sea builds on the [political compromise](#) that the European Parliament and Council reached on the multi-annual plan for the Baltic Sea earlier this year.

#### Background

The proposal tabled is the second multi-annual plan adopted in line with the reformed [Common Fisheries Policy](#) (CFP) that came into force in January 2014. Under the CFP, multi-annual plans should contribute to achieving fishing at sustainable levels (Maximum Sustainable Yield). They should also contain measures to implement the landing obligation, technical measures, as well as safeguards for remedial action where needed.

The Commission's proposal follows scientific advice from the [Scientific, Technical and Economic Committee on Fisheries](#) (STEF) and from the [International Council for the Exploration of the Seas](#).

The [North Sea Advisory Council](#) has been consulted several times on this proposal. In addition, a wide-ranging online public consultation was carried out.

The North Sea multi-annual plan covers Union waters of [ICES areas](#) IIa, IIIa and IV and concerns Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Sweden and the United Kingdom. The demersal sector in the North Sea represents more than 70% of the

whole fishing sector and corresponds to more than 850 million euros in landed value (2012).

### **New, simplified EU programme for fisheries data collection: Commission clarifies rules for Member States (19/08/2016)**

#### **The European Commission has taken another step in fleshing out the rules for data collection in the fisheries sector.**

Published guidance will give the Member States, who are responsible for the collection of relevant data, a clearer idea on how to build sound data collection plans for the period 2017-2020. The guidance is part of Commission efforts to simplify and streamline the existing data collection framework, making it easier for fishermen and Member States to comply with EU rules.

Under the new EU data collection programme, Member States have until 31 October 2016 to prepare plans setting out how they intend to collect fisheries data in the period 2017-2020. These national "workplans" will be assessed by scientific experts before the Commission gives its approval.

The streamlined rules will pave the way for gathering more and better data to help close persistent gaps in our knowledge about fish stocks. They will give scientists and decision-makers a better idea of how fisheries are affecting marine and maritime ecosystems, while also providing more data on the Mediterranean and long distance fisheries.

Reliable fisheries data are needed to assess the health of fish stocks and the marine environment and meet the EU's objective of ensuring sustainable fisheries by 2020 at the latest. The European Union has continuously promoted fisheries data collection, and has increased funding of data collection activities under the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF) since 2014.

Fisheries data are collected in a number of ways: in ports or at sea by observers on board commercial fishing vessels, through scientific surveys at sea to locate and follow fish stocks, by compiling control data from

logbooks, sales notes and satellite data, and through socio-economic surveys of the fisheries, aquaculture and processing sectors.

### **Commission proposes to lift 'red card' from Republic of Guinea after it steps up fight against illegal fishing (13/07/2016)**

**The Commission has proposed to lift the "red card" and the associated trade measures for fisheries products from the Republic of Guinea, following significant improvements to its national fisheries governance to fight illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing.**

[Full Press release](#)

### **Commission proposes fishing opportunities in the Baltic Sea for 2017 (29/08/2016)**

**The European Commission has tabled its proposal on fishing opportunities in the Baltic Sea for 2017.**

The proposal is based on the recently adopted multiannual fisheries management plan for the Baltic Sea, and takes into consideration scientific advice received in May 2016. The Commission proposes to increase catch limits for 6 out of 10 fish stocks (Western, Bothnian and Central herring, sprat, plaice and main basin salmon) and to decrease catch limits for 2 stocks (Gulf of Riga herring and Gulf of Finland salmon). The Commission is collecting more information before proposing catch limits for the remaining 2 stocks (Western and Eastern cod).

In socio-economic terms the Commission proposal should improve overall economic performance in the Baltic Sea as a whole, in spite of significant differences across fleets segments and fisheries. This proposal could increase both profits by €13 million and employment at sea basin level.

The biggest proposed increase concerns plaice, whose catch limit under this proposal would rise by 95%. This reflects the good shape of the stock, which has been growing

since 2008. It is also due to the fact that, from 2017 onwards, fishermen will have to land all plaice they catch in an effort to eliminate the wasteful practice of discarding.

At the same time, the state of the Western Baltic cod does not seem to have improved this year, according to the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES). Fishing pressure from commercial and recreational fisheries remains high, and past measures have not had the desired effect in helping the stock to recover.

The Commission is examining with national authorities and stakeholders – including commercial and recreational fishermen – which steps are needed to give this stock a chance to recover, while also ensuring the economic viability of the fishing industry.

Member States can use allocations from the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF) to support fishermen through a period of necessary quota reductions. The Commission has already assured the Member State authorities of its support in making such funding available quickly and efficiently.

In addition, the Commission has asked its scientific advisory body STECF to analyse the impact of recreational fishing on Baltic cod stocks and assess different possible stock management measures. The Commission will propose catch limits for the Baltic cod stocks (Western and Eastern) once these clarifications are available. The proposal will be discussed by Member States' fisheries ministers at the October Fisheries Council in Luxembourg.

## MEETINGS OF THE ADVISORY COUNCILS

RAC	DATE	PLACE	TYPE	Main issues
NWW AC	14/09/2016	Dublin, Ireland	General Assembly, ExCom	
NWW AC	14-09/2016	Dublin, Ireland	WG	Landing obligation
NWW AC	15/09/2016	Dublin, Ireland	FG	Skates and Rays, Brown Crab, Seabass, Marine Conservation Zones (MCZ)
NS AC	20/09/2016	London, UK	Technical Regulation Focus Group	
NS AC	27-28/09/2016	The Hague, Netherlands	GA and ExCom	
PEL AC	5/10/2016	The Hague, Netherlands	WG I and II	
PEL AC	6/10/2016	The Hague, Netherlands	GA and ExCom	
MED AC	13/10/2016	Ajaccio, Corsica	FG, WG 2	Western Mediterranean, Pelagic fishes
MED AC	14/10/2016	Ajaccio, Corsica	WG 4, WG 5	Recreational Fisheries, Socio-economic impact
LD AC	18/10/2016	Brussels	GA, WG5	
LD AC	25/10/2016	Brussels	WG1, WG4	

### Abbreviations:

- NWW AC: North Western Waters Advisory Council ([link](#))
- PEL AC: Pelagic Advisory Council ([link](#))
- NS AC: North Sea Advisory Council ([link](#))
- MED AC: Advisory Council for the Mediterranean ([link](#))
- SWW AC: South Western Waters Advisory Council ([link](#))
- LD AC: Long Distance Fleet Advisory Council ([link](#))
- BS AC: Baltic Sea Advisory Council ([link](#))
- MIRAC: ICES/AC meeting ([link](#))
- **GA:** General Assembly, **ExCom:** Executive Committee, **WG:** Working Group, **FG:** Focus Group

## MAIN INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS AND EVENTS

### NORWAY/COASTAL STATES/NEAFC/RUSSIAN FEDERATION

Date	Organisation	Type of meeting	Venue
<b>September 2016</b>			
8 - 9	NEAFC - WG Statistics	Multilateral	London
12 - 13	NEAFC - ad hoc WG on Electronic Reporting (3)	Multilateral	London
14 - 16	NEAFC - PECMAC	Multilateral	London
14 - 16	Coastal State Consultations on redfish	Multilateral	Poss. London
27 - 28	Coastal States WG on MCS	Multilateral	Torshavn
<b>October 2016</b>			
4-5	NEAFC – PECMAS	Multilateral	London
	EU-Norway WG on ERS	Bilateral	TBA
	Coastal State consultations on blue whiting (1)	Multilateral	Poss. London
	Coastal State consultations on AS herring (1)	Multilateral	Poss. London
	Coastal State consultations on mackerel (1)	Multilateral	Poss. London
<b>November 2016</b>			
8-10.11	EU-Norway Consultations for 2017 – round 1	Bilateral	EU - TBA
14-18.11	NEAFC – Annual Meeting	Multilateral	London
28.11-2.12	EU-Norway Consultations for 2017 – round 2	Bilateral	Bergen, Norway
	Coastal State consultations on blue whiting (2)	Multilateral	Poss. London
	Coastal State consultations on AS herring (2)	Multilateral	Poss. London
	Coastal State consultations on mackerel (2)	Multilateral	Poss. London
<b>December 2016</b>			
	EU-Faroe Islands Consultations for 2017	Bilateral	EU – TBA

### REGIONAL FISHERIES ORGANISATIONS AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS

Date	Organisation	Type of meeting	Venue
<b>September 2016</b>			
19 - 23	Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organisation (NAFO)	Annual Meeting	Varadero, Cuba
22 - 23/9	GFCM	Intersessional meeting of the Commission on the mid-term strategy	Rome, Italy
24/9 - 5/10	CITES	COP	Johannesburg, South Africa
25 - 30	ICCAT	ICCAT Species Group	Madrid, Spain
26 - 30	United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)	Oceans and Law of the Sea Resolution	New York, USA
<b>October 2016</b>			
3 - 8	ICCAT	ICCAT SCRS	Madrid, Spain
5 - 12	The Commission for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna (CCSBT)	Compliance Committee & Annual Meeting	Taiwan

16 - 28	Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR)	Compliance Committee & Annual Meeting	Hobart, Australia
TBC	International Dolphin Conservation Program (AIDCP)		La Jolla, USA
17 - 19	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)	118th session of the Committee of Fisheries (COFI)	Paris, France
24 - 25	GFCM	GFCM Regional conference on fisheries governance in the Black Sea	Bucharest, Romania
TBC	GFCM	GFCM SG Stock assessments in the Black Sea	Batumi, Georgia
TBC	Bering Sea Convention	Annual conference	Virtual meeting
<b>November 2016</b>			
3 - 4	GFCM	Workshop on data submission in line with the GFCM DCRF	Rome, Italy
7 - 9	GFCM	Meeting on finfish and shellfish aquaculture market and industry in the region - 2nd meeting of the Aquaculture Task Force	Rome, Italy
7 - 15	United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)	Resolution Sustainable Fisheries	New York, USA
14 - 21	Conservation of Atlantic Tuna (ICCAT)	Annual Meeting	Vilamoura, Portugal
16-22	United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)	Oceans and Law of the Sea Resolution	New York, USA
28/11-2/12	South East Atlantic Fisheries Organisation (SEAFO)	Annual Meeting	
<b>December 2016</b>			
5 - 9	Western & Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC)	Annual meeting	Fidji

## FISHERIES PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENTS

COUNTRY		EXPIRATION DATE OF CURRENT PROTOCOL	JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING		NEGOTIATIONS SESSIONS FORECAST	
			Date	Location	Date	Location
MIXED AGREEMENTS	Mauritania	15/11/2019	OCT 2016 (TBC) extraordinary JC	Nouakchott		
	Morocco	14/07/2018	OCT 2016 (TBC)	Rabat		
	Senegal	19/11/2019	SEPT/OCT 2016 (TBC)	Dakar		
	Guinea Bissau	23/11/2017	SEPT/OCT 2016 (TBC)	Bissau (TBC)	1st quarter 2017	TBC
	Greenland	31/12/2020	Week of 21 NOV 2016	Brussels		
WEST AFRICA	Cape Verde	22/12/2018	MAR/APR 2017			
	Ivory Coast	30/06/2018	NOV/DEC 2016	Abidjan		
	Gabon	23/07/2016	OCT (TBC)		OCT (TBC)	Libreville
	Ghana	N.A.			Q4 2016 (TBC)	TBC
	Liberia	8/12/2020	MAY 2017 (TBC)	Brussels		
	Equatorial Guinea	N.A.				
	São Tomé and Príncipe	23/05/2018	SEP 2016 (TBC)	São Tomé		
INDIAN OCEAN	Comoros	31/12/2016	MAR/APR 2017			
	Madagascar	31/12/2018	JAN/FEB 2017			
	Mauritius	21/01/2017				
	Mozambique	No protocol in force			SEPT/OCT 2016 (TBC)	Maputo
	Seychelles	17/01/2020	DEC 2016	Seychelles		
	Mayotte (Access agreement Seychelles flagged vessels in EU waters)	19/05/2020	JUN 2016	Seychelles		
	Kenya	No agreement / protocol			4th quarter 2016	
PACIFIC	Cook Islands	New Agreement/ Protocol initialled	4th quarter 2016 (TBC)	Rarotonga		

## COMPOSITION OF THE COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES

BUREAU			
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<b>2nd Vice-Chair</b>	Mr Jarosław Leszek WAŁĘSA	<b>4th Vice-Chair</b>	Mrs Renata BRIANO

COORDINATORS			
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## NEXT FISHERIES COMMITTEE MEETINGS

### 2016

- Monday, 10 October, 15:00-18:30
- Tuesday, 11 October, 9:00-12:30
- Tuesday, 11 October, 15:00-18:30
  
- Wednesday, 9 November, 9:00-12:30
- Wednesday, 9 November, 15:00-18:30
- Thursday, 10 November, 9:00-12:30
  
- Monday, 5 December, 15:00-18:30

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- @ EP Committee on Fisheries [link](#)
- @ DG MARE (European Commission) [link](#)
- @ Slovak Presidency of the Council [link](#)
- @ FAO Fishery and Aquaculture [link](#)
- @ ICES International Council for the Exploration of the Sea [link](#)