

The Trawler

TOP NEWS – NOVEMBER 2017

COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES

Tuesday 21 November 2017, 9.00 - 12.30 and 14.30 - 18.30, Brussels Room ASP 1G-2

Tuesday 28 November 2017, 9.00 - 12.30 and 14.30 - 18.30, Brussels Room ASP 3E-2

HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Adoption of the legislative report on the “Conservation of fishery resources and the protection of marine ecosystems through Technical Measures”
- ▶ Presentation of the draft report on the “Multiannual plan for small pelagic stocks in the Adriatic Sea”
- ▶ Adoption of the draft report on the “Management, conservation and control measures applicable in the Convention Area of the South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation (SPRFMO)”
- ▶ Exchange of views with the Commission on some key Fisheries Partnership Agreements and update on measures applied in the fight against illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing (IUU) and non-cooperating countries
- ▶ Exchange of views with João Aguiar Machado, Director General of DG MARE

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Agenda

Next Fisheries Committee meeting:
24 - 25 January 2018

Next public hearing:

“Multiannual plan for small pelagic stocks in the Adriatic Sea”

25 January 2018 at 9.00-11.30

WORDS FROM THE CHAIR



Alain CADEC
Chair of Committee on Fisheries

Dear Colleagues,

Dear Friends,

The PECH Committee meetings of 21st and 28th November are the last ones for this year 2017. It was the opportunity to vote on the “Technical measures” file and to validate the trilogue agreement on the external fishing fleets. These are two particularly important files for the future of the fishing sector, as well as for the sustainability of resources.

We will also start working on the establishment of a management plan for the Adriatic Sea. After the management plans for the Baltic and the North Sea, it is the third multiannual management plan examined by our Committee. The management plan for the North Sea is currently under trilogue negotiations.

On 28th November we will also welcome João Aguiar Machado, Director General of DG MARE for an exchange of views. The inter-institutional dialogue is of special importance for us, as this fruitful cooperation enables us to work more efficiently towards sustainable fisheries in the European Union.

Alain CADEC

ONGOING DOSSIERS

Reports	Rapporteur	Type of procedure	PECH Committee vote	Plenary Session Vote
Conservation of fishery resources and protection of marine ecosystems through technical measures 2016/0074(COD)	Mato	COD	21/11/2017	FEB I 2018 tbc
Multi-annual plan for small pelagic stocks in the Adriatic Sea and the fisheries exploiting those stocks COM(2017)0097 - C8-0095/2017 2017/0043(COD) PECH/8/09349	Tomasic	COD	21-22/3/2018	APR 2018
Management, conservation and control measures applicable in the Convention Area of the South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation (SPRFMO) COM(2017) 128 final 2017/0056 (COD) PECH/8/09619	Engström	COD	21/11/2017	JAN 2018
NLE Reports	Rapporteur	Type of procedure	PECH Committee vote	Plenary Session vote
EU/Mauritius Fisheries Partnership Agreement: fishing opportunities and financial contribution 2017-2021. Protocol COM(2017)048-2017/0223(NLE) PECH/8/11046	Nicolai	NLE	26-27/2/2018	APR 2018
Proposal for a Council Decision Denouncing the Partnership Agreement in the fisheries sector between the European Community and the Union of the Comoros, COM(2017)0556 final 2017/0241(NLE) PECH/8/11185	Ferreira	NLE	26-27/2/2017	MAR II 2018
Reports adopted in PECH awaiting 1st/2nd reading agreements	Rapporteur	Type of procedure	PECH Committee vote	Plenary Session Vote
Sustainable management of external fishing fleets 2015/0289(COD)	Engström	COD	21/11/2017 (first reading on 5/12/2016)	DEC 2017
Multi-annual plan for demersal stocks in the North sea and the fisheries exploiting those stocks 2016/0238(COD)	Rodust	COD	tbc	tbc
INI Reports	Rapporteur	Type of procedure	PECH Committee vote	Plenary Session vote
Towards sustainable and competitive European Aquaculture sector: current status and future challenges 2017/2118 (INI) PECH/8/10355	Iturgaiz	INI	23-24/4/2018	MAY II 2018
Optimisation of the value chain in the fishing sector 2017/2119 (INI) PECH/8/10357	Aguilera García	INI	21-22/3/2018	APR 2018

State of play of recreational fisheries in the EU 2017/2120 (INI) PECH/8/10358	Nicolai	INI	26-27/2/2018	APR 2018
Measures for establishing the conformity of fisheries products with access criteria to the EU market (<i>Implementation report</i>) COM(2017)0192 2017/2129 (INI) PECH/8/10379	Engström		26-27/2/2018	APR 2018
Opinions	Rapporteur	Type of procedure	PECH Committee vote	Vote Lead Committee
EU/Morocco Agreement: protection of geographical indications and designations of origin for agricultural products, processed agricultural products, fish and fishery products and amending the EC/Morocco Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreement 2015/0203(NLE)	Van Dalen	NLE	TBC	INTA (TBC)
Preparing the Parliament's position on the MFF post-2020 PECH/8/09711 2017/2052 (INI)	Aguilera García	BUD	21/11/2017	BUDG (TBC)
Lagging Regions in the EU 2017/2208(INI) PECH/8/11138	Caputo	INI	24-25/1/2018	REGI 25/1/2018
2016 discharge: EU general budget - Commission COM(2017)0365-C80247/2017-2017/2136(DEC) PECH/8/10608	Cadec	DEC	26-27/2/2018	CONT 19/3/2018
2016 discharge: European Fisheries Control Agency (EFCA)	Thomas	DEC	26-27/2/2018	CONT 20/3/2018

**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(2017) 6997	Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013, Article 15(6) and Articles 18(1) and (3); Regulation (EC) No 850/98, Articles 18a and 48a	Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) .../... of 20.10.2017 establishing a discard plan for certain demersal fisheries in the North Sea and in Union waters of ICES division IIa for the year 2018-C(2017) 6997.	20.12.2017
C(2017) 6990	Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013, Article 15(6) and Articles 18(1) and (3)	Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) .../... of 20.10.2017 establishing a discard plan for certain demersal and deep sea fisheries in North-Western waters for the year 2018	20.12.2017
C(2017) 6995	Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013, Article 15(6) and Articles 18(1) and (3)	Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) .../... of 20.10.2017 amending Delegated Regulation (EU) 2016/2374 establishing a discard plan for certain demersal fisheries in South-Western waters	20.12.2017
C(2017) 6982	Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013, Article 15(7)	Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) .../... of 23.10.2017 establishing a de minimis exemption to the landing obligation for certain small pelagic fisheries in the Mediterranean Sea	23.12.2017
C(2017) 6981	Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013, Article 15(6) and Articles 18(1) and (3)	Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) .../... of 23.10.2017 amending Delegated Regulation (EU) 2017/86 establishing a discard plan for certain demersal fisheries in the Mediterranean Sea	23.12.2017
C(2017) 7101	Regulation (EU) No 2016/1139, Article 8	Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No .../...of 30.10.2017 authorising the use of alternative T90 trawls in Baltic Sea fisheries, by way of derogation from Council Regulation (EC) No 2187/2005	30.12.2017
XXX	Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013, Article 15(6) and Articles 18(1) and (3)	Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No .../... of XXX amending Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1393/2014 establishing a discard plan for certain pelagic fisheries in North-Western waters	24.01.2018

C(2017) 7679	Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013, Article 15(6) and Articles 18(1) and (3)	Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No .../... of 21.11.2017 amending Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1394/2014 establishing a discard plan for certain pelagic fisheries in South-Western waters	21.1.2018
XXX	Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013, Articles 15(6) and 18(1) and (3)	Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No .../... of XXX amending Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1395/2014 establishing a discard plan for certain small pelagic fisheries and fisheries for industrial purposes in the North Sea	23.01.2018
C(2017) 7672	Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013, Article 15(6)	Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No .../... of 21.11.2017 establishing a discard plan as regards salmon in the Baltic Sea	21.1.2018

RESEARCH FROM THE POLICY DEPARTMENT 'B':

REQUESTED:

- **Fleet management in outermost regions**
- **Training of fishers**
- **Landing obligation and choke species in mixed fisheries**
- **Seafood industry integration in the EU (part 2)**

PUBLISHED (SINCE 2014):

CFP and fisheries management

- *Sustainable blue growth in the EU and opportunities for small-scale fisheries*
- *The management of the fishing fleets in the outermost regions*
- *Seafood Industry Integration in the EU*
- *Socioeconomic role and environmental impact of recreational, subsistence, small-scale and other fisheries in European Union*
- *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 "Almadra" 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*
- *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*
- *Feasibility of measuring socio-economic and environmental impacts of recreational and semi subsistence fisheries in the EU*
- *Regional ocean governance*
- *Recreational and semi subsistence fishing - its values and its impact on fish stocks and the environment*

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*
- *Scientific Advice in Fisheries Management - Introduction to Stock Assessment and Maximum Sustainable Yield Ranges*
- *The management of the fishing fleets in the outermost regions*

Structural Policy and economics

- *Prospects for the development of tourism activities related to fishing*
- *Seafood Industry Integration in the EU*

External dimension

- *Consequences of Brexit for the Common Fisheries Policy*
 - *Legal framework for governance*
 - *Trade and economic related issues*
 - *Resources and fisheries*
- *Fisheries management and the Arctic in the context of climate change*

Mission briefings

- *Fisheries in Madeira (mission 2017)*
- *Fisheries in Thailand (mission 2016)*
- *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)*

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FISHERIES NEWS IN BRIEF

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

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Common EU rules on how, where and when one can fish in the EU, including prohibited fishing methods and species, were backed by MEPs (21.11.2017)

The Fisheries Committee approved draft laws to limit unwanted catches, especially of juvenile fish. Currently there are more than 30 different EU regulations laying down technical measures for fisheries, which has proved highly complex and arguably inefficient. MEPs agreed to cut red tape to improve compliance. The new regulation would introduce common measures on fishing gear, methods and allowed species for all EU waters, whilst at the same time allowing for regional, tailor-made measures to be adopted.

EU-wide prohibitions

The EU-wide rules designed progressively to reduce juvenile catches would include, *inter alia*:

- prohibited fishing gear and methods, i.e. toxic substances and explosives;
- general restrictions on the use of towed gear and static nets a list of fish and shellfish species fishing for which is banned restrictions on catches of marine mammals, seabirds and marine reptiles, special provisions to protect sensitive habitats, and
- a ban on practices such as high-grading (discarding low-priced fish even though they should legally be landed) in order to reduce discarding.

Innovative fishing methods

MEPs want the STECF (Scientific, Technical and Economic Committee for Fisheries) to assess innovative fishing gear, including electrical “pulse trawls” which are used to drive fish up out of the seabed and into the net. This assessment should cover trial

periods of at least four years, they add. Trial use would be restricted to no more than 5% of existing vessels. Use of such gear would be permitted on a commercial scale only if the assessment shows that it would not lead to “direct or cumulative negative impacts” on the marine environment.

Regional measures and flexibility for EU fisheries

Regional measures that deviate from the baselines would be introduced for the seven EU sea basins: North Sea, North Western Waters, South Western Waters, Baltic Sea, Mediterranean Sea, Black Sea and waters fished by EU boats in the Indian Ocean and West Atlantic.

These measures would cover *inter alia* minimum conservation reference sizes, and closed or restricted areas. Member states and the Commission would have 18 months from the entry into force of the regulation to adopt regional rules on mesh sizes.

To grant enough flexibility to EU fishermen and support their work, it would be possible to deviate from these regional rules. This could be done either *via* a regional fisheries multiannual plan or “delegated acts” by the EU Commission. Member states could submit joint recommendations to this end, and MEPs ask them to “base their recommendations on the best available scientific advice”.

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

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EU leads international efforts to restore sustainable tuna stocks in the Atlantic (21/11/2017)

The International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT), responsible for the conservation of tunas and tuna like species in the Atlantic Ocean and

adjacent seas, has concluded its Annual Meeting in Marrakesh on 14 – 21 November 2017.

The meeting was dominated by discussions surrounding Bluefin tuna, in particular for the Eastern and Mediterranean stock. Based on scientific advice, ICCAT agreed to a gradual increase in the total allowed catches (TAC) reaching a maximum of 36,000 ton in 2020 (28,200t in 2018 and 32,240t in 2019). This increase reflects a widely recognised improvement in the overall situation for Atlantic tuna stocks, compared to a decade ago. Whilst the proposal for the increase was not tabled by the EU, the general improvement of the stock reflects the outcome of action led by the European Union and the sustained efforts by fishermen and the fishing industry, in the last decade.

The EU had proposed to replace the existing rebuilding plan with a management plan for Eastern Bluefin tuna, acknowledging the success of the recovery measures implemented since 2007. However, it was decided to delay the discussions to next year's ICCAT meeting.

ICCAT also continued its work on other commercially important species, in particular on Northern albacore. Based on an EU-proposal, for the first time in ICCAT history, Harvest Control Rules were adopted and TAC increased by 20%. Harvest Control Rules are the latest generation of science-based approaches to effective fisheries management and provide guidelines on how much fishing can take place according to the state of the stock.

Moreover, ICCAT adopted measures to freeze the fishing effort on the stock of Mediterranean albacore, adopting a precautionary approach until better information becomes available on this stock. Finally, ICCAT adopted Recommendations reducing the TACs for Northern and Southern Atlantic swordfish tabled by the EU, also with the objective of adopting a precautionary

approach encouraged by the scientific Committee. In terms of Tropical tunas, ICCAT did not adopt specific measures this year but decided to implement a pro-rata reduction of the TACs for Bigeye tuna and Yellowfin tuna, for which overfishing took place in 2016. It is also planned that an extensive review of the existing management measures should take place in 2018.

Regarding sharks, ICCAT was able to adopt measures aimed at protecting sharks in the North Atlantic. The measures adopted for Northern shortfin mako aim to reduce the current fishing mortality and to lay the ground for the adoption of more ambitious measures in 2019. Despite an increase in the number of Parties supporting the proposal to introduce a fins-attached policy, it was regrettably not possible to secure its adoption.

Commission proposes fishing opportunities in the Atlantic and North Sea for 2018 (7/11/2017)

On 7 November 2017, the Commission presented its proposal for fishing opportunities in the Atlantic and the North Sea for 2018. The Commission proposed quotas for 78 stocks: for 53 stocks the fishing quota is either increased or remains the same and for 25 stocks is reduced.

The fishing opportunities, or Total Allowable Catches (TACs), are quotas set for most commercial fish stocks that keep the stocks healthy, while allowing the fishing industry to profit from fishing the highest amount of fish. As the size of some key fish stocks is increasing – notably for sole in the North Sea, northern hake and southern horse mackerel – so is the profitability of the fishing sector, with an estimated EUR 1.5 billion profit for 2017.

The Commission's proposal will be submitted for discussion and decision by the Member States at the December Fisheries Council (11-12 December in Brussels), to be applied as from 1 January 2018.

“Our Ocean 2017” - Conference in Malta on 5-6 October 2017

Since 2014, the “Our Ocean” conferences have invited ocean leaders to commit to change and to transform the shared challenges into opportunities for cooperation, innovation and entrepreneurship.

On 5 and 6 October 2017, DG MARE hosted the 4th edition of the Our Ocean conference in Malta. The outcome of the conference was unprecedented and stands to prove that together we can ensure a future for Our Ocean, which is safe, secure, clean and healthy:

- 437 tangible and measurable commitments
- EUR 7.2 billion in financial pledges
- 2.5 million square kilometers of additional Marine Protected Areas
- More than six billion euros committed by public and private actors to better manage our oceans

The EU's 36 commitments alone exceeded EUR 550 million and implied action throughout the globe. Together with its individual Member States and the European Investment Bank, the EU pledged more than EUR 2.8 billion.

Other countries tabled over 200 commitments, whilst NGOs, foundations, research institutes and international organisations announced 87 commitments. As a major game-changer, the 2017 conference for the first time mobilised at scale the business community in the conservation of Our Ocean. Corporate leaders responded with 100 commitments, from plastic reduction to satellite monitoring.

The resources will be invested to strengthen the fight against marine pollution and enlarge protected areas, reinforce security of the oceans, foster blue economy initiatives and sustainable fisheries and intensify the EU efforts against climate change, in line with the Paris Agreement and the Sustainable

Development Goals under Agenda 2030. Participants also announced the creation of new Marine Protected Areas spanning more than 2.5 million km², or more than half the size of the entire European Union.

COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

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Agriculture and Fisheries Council on 9 October 2017 (9/10/2017)

The Council reached a political agreement on fishing opportunities in the Baltic Sea for 2018. Ministers agreed on the maximum quantity of fish that EU fishermen will be allowed to catch next year out of the ten main commercial stocks in the Baltic Sea, a quantity also referred to as the "Total Allowable Catch" (TAC). (*See table on page 13*)

In line with the Commission proposal based on ICES (Council for the Exploration of the Sea) scientific advice, the agreement includes a roll-over for Western cod and an increase in catches for central herring (+20%) and sprat (+1%). For the remaining stocks, ministers decided on a reduction for Riga herring (-7%), salmon in the Gulf of Finland (-5%), main basin salmon (-5%), Eastern cod (-8%), Bothnian herring (-40%), Western herring (-39%) and plaice (-10%).

The agreed quantities take into account the commitment to the objectives of the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP), including the achievement of maximum sustainable yield (MSY), the principles of the multiannual management plan for the Baltic sea, and scientific advice, in particular advice provided by the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES).

In addition to setting TACs and national quotas on some species, the Council confirmed the extension to 2018 of those management measures currently in place to improve the state of the stock Baltic cod (bag limitations in recreational fisheries and

closure periods, with derogations for small coastal fisheries).

Ministers decided to postpone discussions on measures on marine eel fisheries to a later stage to discuss a pan-European strategy to ensure the protection and sustainable use of the stock.

Ministers exchanged views on the position to be taken by the EU at the annual consultations between the EU and Norway in the framework of their bilateral fisheries agreement, and at the annual meeting of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT), scheduled for 14-21 November 2017 in Morocco.

“Beyond 2020: Supporting Europe’s Coastal Communities” - Conference on the future of the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund - Tallinn, 12-13 October 2017

The Estonian Presidency and the European Commission hosted a conference on the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF) held on 12-13 October in the Estonian capital. This very well attended conference was open to project managers, policy makers, industry representatives and NGOs.

Stakeholders from all across the EU discussed how the EMFF can support the implementation of the Common Fisheries Policy and the EU Integrated Maritime Policy in the current and future programming period. Mr Alain Cadec, Chair of the Committee on Fisheries and formerly rapporteur for the EMFF Regulation, joined podium debate in the conference’s closing session.

**Next meeting of the [Agriculture and Fisheries Council](#)
11/12/2017**

2018 EU TOTAL ALLOWABLE CATCHES (TACs) IN THE BALTIC SEA						
Name <i>Latin name</i>	ICES FISHING ZONES	COMMISSION proposal			COUNCIL agreement	
		TACs 2017	2018	2018	TACs 2018	variation
		in tonnes	in tonnes	variation	in tonnes	in %
Bothnian herring <i>Clupea harengus</i>	Baltic Sea subdivisions 30-31	140.998	70.617	-50%	84 599	-40%
Western herring <i>Clupea harengus</i>	Baltic Sea subdivisions 22-24	28.401	12.987	-54%	17 309	-39%
Central herring <i>Clupea harengus</i>	Baltic Sea subdivisions 25-27, 28.2, 29, 32	191.129	238.229	+25%	229 355	+20%
Riga herring <i>Clupea harengus</i>	Baltic Sea subdivision 28-1	31.074	28.999	-7%	28 999	-7%
Eastern cod <i>Gadus morhua</i>	Baltic Sea subdivisions 25-32	30.857	22.275	-28%	28 388	-8%
Western cod <i>Gadus morhua</i>	Baltic Sea subdivisions 22-24	5.597	5.597	0%	5 597	0%
Plaice <i>Pleuronectes platessa</i>	Baltic Sea subdivisions 22-32	7.862	6.272	-20%	7 076	-10%
Main basin salmon <i>Salmo salar</i>	Baltic Sea subdivisions 22-31	95.928	106.096	+11%	91 132	-5%
Gulf of Finland salmon <i>Salmo salar</i>	Baltic Sea subdivision 32	10.485	10.003	-5%	10 003	-5%
Sprat <i>Sprattus sprattus</i>	Baltic Sea subdivisions 22-32	260.993	262.310	+1%	262 310	+1%

Legend: Latin name - English name/ Nom francais/ Deutsche name

Clupea harengus - herring/ hareng/ Hering

Gadus morhua - cod/ morue/ Dorsch

Pleuronectes platessa - plaice/ plie/ Scholle

Salmo salar - Atlantic salmon/ saumon atlantique/ Lachs

Sprattus sprattus - sprat/ sprat/ Sprotte

MEETINGS OF THE ADVISORY COUNCILS

RAC	DATE	PLACE	TYPE	Main issues
LD AC	23/11/2017	Madrid	ExCom	
MIRAC	27/11/2017		WGHANSA + WK Anglerfish2018	
MIRAC	28/11/2017		ACOM	
NWW AC	28/11/2017	Dun Laoghaire	Technical measures meeting in the Irish Sea	
MIRAC	4-6/12/2017		WKPELA 2018 + SCRDB 2017	
BS AC	30/1/2018	Copenhagen	ExCom	
NS AC	7/2/2018	London	Demersal Working Group	
PEL AC	1/3/2018	Den Haag	WG1+2	
NS AC	6/3/2018	Gothenburg	NSAC ExCom	
PEL AC	12/4/2018	Den Haag	WG1+2	
PEL AC	5/7/2018	tbc	WG1+2	
PEL AC	6/7/2018	tbc	ExCom	

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](#))
- AAC: Aquaculture 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/FAROE ISLANDS/COASTAL STATES/NEAFC

Date	Organisation	Type of meeting	Venue
November 2017			
28 Nov–1 Dec	EU-Norway	Consultations on Fisheries Arrangements for 2018 (2nd round)	Bergen, Norway
December 2017			
5-6 Dec	EU-Faroe Islands	Consultations on Fisheries Arrangements for 2018	Faroe Islands (tbc)

REGIONAL FISHERIES ORGANISATIONS AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS

Date	Organisation	Type of meeting	Venue
November 2017			
26-30 Nov	South East Atlantic Fisheries Organisation (SEAFO)	Annual meeting	Namibia
December 2017			
3-7 Dec	Western & Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC)	Annual meeting	Manila, Philippines
2018			
January 2018			
26 Jan-3 Feb	SPRFMO	Annual meeting	Lima, Peru
February 2018			
5-9 Feb	Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC)	Technical Committee on Allocation Criteria - Technical Committee on Performance Review	Seychelles
March 2018			
tbc	CCSBT	Strategic Fisheries Management Working Group (SFMWG)	
April 2018			
May 2018			
tbc	IOTC	Annual meeting	Bangkok, Thailand
2-4 May	OECD	121st COFI meeting	Paris
June 2018			
12-15 Jun	NASCO	35th Annual meeting	Portland, USA
tbc	SIOFA	Annual meeting	Thailand
tbc	GFCM	High Level Conference on Black Sea Fisheries	Bulgaria
tbc	UN	28th Meeting of States sparties	New York, USA
tbc	UN	19th Informal consultative process on oceans and low of the sea	New York, USA
tbc	ICCAT	Intersessional meeting	tbc

July 2018			
3-5 Jul	NPFC (tbc)	Annual meeting	Japan
tbc	IATTC/AIDCP	Annual meeting	Guatemala
9-13 Jul	FAO-COFI	Committee on Fisheries 33rd session	Guatemala City
tbc	JBSFC	Annual meeting	Russia
August 2018			
September 2018			
17-21 Sep	NAFO	Annual meeting	Tallinn, Estonia
tbc	GFCM	High Level Conference on Small Scale Fisheries	Malta
October 2018			
11-18 Oct	CCSBT	Annual meeting	Noumea, New Caledonia
tbc	AIDCP	2nd Annual meeting	La Jolla, USA
tbc	CCAMLR	Annual meeting	Hobart, Australia
tbc	GFCM	Annual meeting	Romania
November 2018			
tbc	SEAFO	Annual meeting	tbc
19-21 Nov	OECD	122th COFI meeting	Paris
tbc	UN	Informal consultations on the draft resolution on sustainable fisheries	New York, USA
tbc	UN	Informal consultations on the draft resolution on oceans and the low the sea	New York, USA
tbc	ICCAT	Annual meeting	Dubrovnik, Croatia (tbc)
December 2018			
tbc	GFCM	Fisheries forum	tbc
tbc	Western & Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC)	Annual meeting	tbc

FISHERIES PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENTS

COUNTRY	EXPIRATION DATE OF CURRENT PROTOCOL	Financial Value	NEXT JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING (JCM) (2017-2018)		NEGOTIATIONS SESSIONS FORECAST 2017		LEGAL PROCESS			COMMENTS		
			Date	Location	Date	Location	Estimated date of adoption of proposal for negotiating mandate by the Commission	Estimated date of adoption of negotiating mandate by Council	Estimated date of adoption of Council Decision on signing and provisional application			
Mixed Agreements	Mauritania	15 November 2019	59 125 000 €								The Protocol was signed and entered into provisional application on 16/11/2015. The last JCM took place in September 2017.	
	Morocco	14 July 2018	30 million €	24-27 October 2017	Brussels	Jan/Feb 2018	tbc	Nov-17	Dec-17	1st half 2018		
	Senegal	19/11/2019	1 738 000 (3rd year)	April 2018	Brussels	-	-	-	-	-		
	Guinea Bissau	23 November 2017	9 200 000 €	mid-november (tbc)	Bissau	2nd half		tbc (depends on the outcome of negotiations)	tbc (depends on the outcome of negotiations)	tbc (depends on the outcome of negotiations)		The current 3-year Protocol expires 23/11/2017. Negotiations on the new Protocol are ongoing. 4 rounds of negotiations took place, but no final agreement reached. Exchange between parties is ongoing. The 5th round to be fixed.
	Greenland	31 December 2020	16 099 978 €, plus 1 700 000 € financial reserve for additional species.	27-29 Nov. 2017	Brussels							
WEST AFRICA	Cape-Verde	22 December 2018	550 000 € (years 1+2); 500 000 € (years 3+4)	26-29 November 2017	Brussels	Apr-18	alternate	Mars 2018	April 2018	December, 2018		The current 4-year Protocol expires on 22/12/2018. The Terms of Reference for the evaluation study has been launched and the contractor will soon start the evaluation, with a view to finish it in January-February 2018.
	Côte d'Ivoire	30 June 2018	680 000 €	DEC 2017 / JAN 2018	Brussels		tbc	Novembre 2017	Decembre 2017	1st half 2018		Last Joint Committee took place in Abidjan on 30/11 - 2/12/2016.
	Gabon	23 July 2016	1 350 000 €	second semester 2017 (tbc)		second semester 2017 (tbc)	Libreville					Resuming of negotiation pending political situation.
	Ghana	No Agreement/Protocol				1st quarter 2018	tbc				Depends on the timing and number of negotiation rounds	The ex-ante evaluation was conducted end of 2016 and mandate adopted on March 2017.
	Liberia	8 December 2020	715 000 € (1st year); 650 000 € (2nd, 3rd and 4th years); 585 000 € (5th year)	Spring 2018	Brussels						Signed on 09/12/2016	The Protocol was signed and entered into provisional application on 9/12/2015. It was approved by the EP on the 10th of April of 2016.
	Equatorial Guinea	N.A.	N.A.									
São Tomé and Príncipe	23/05/2018	710000 € (675000 en fin d'application)	December 2017 (tbc)	tbc	November-December, 2017	alternate	November, 2017	Decembre 2017	May 2018		The current 4-year Protocol expires on 23/05/2018. The evaluation study in view of negotiations on the new Protocol was concluded in September 2017. The mandate for negotiations has been launched. It is accompanied by the Staff Working Document, which will inform the EP and the Council on the outcome of the evaluation.	

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INDIAN OCEAN	Comoros	31 December 2016	600 000 €								The last Protocol expired at the end of December 2016. A new Protocol was negotiated and initialled in March 2016, but never entered into force. The country is identified and listed as a non-cooperating country on IUU matters (red card). The denunciation of the FPA is in process.	
	Madagascar	31 December 2018	1 566 250 € (2015 & 2016) 1 487 500 € (2017 & 2018)	April, 2018 (tbc)	Brussels	March -May 2018	alternate	February-March, 2018	March, 2018	December, 2018	The current 4-year Protocol expires on 31/12/2018. The Terms of Reference for the evaluation study has been launched and the contractor will soon start the evaluation, with a view to finish it in February 2018.	
	Mauritius		575 000 €	Januray 2018	tbc					October/ November 2017	New 4 year protocol initialled on 26 April 2017, to start to be applied provisionally after the completion of adoption procedures.	
	Mozambique	No protocol in force	980 000 €			tbc	tbc					Negotiations for a new Protocol suspended until further notice to enable further reflection by both Parties to narrow divergences. Last Joint Committee Meeting in February 2016. Possible resuming of negotiation to be confirmed
	Seychelles	17 January 2020	5 350 000 €	Early 2018	SEY							
	Mayotte (Access agreement)	19/05/2020		Early 2018	SEY			/	/			no financial implications for the EU; as access agreement for Seychelles flagged vessels to EU waters
	Tanzania	No Agreement/Protocol				tbc	tbc		Adopted on 16 June 2015	Depends on the timing and number of negotiation rounds		This would be a new agreement. A first technical meeting took place in Dar-Es-Salaam 4-6 July 2016. Tanzania did not officially inform COM (partially due to a complex institutional setting) and information available point to various directions but there seems to be an interest in discussing an SFPFA with the EU. Date of first round pending confirmation.
	Kenya	No Agreement/Protocol				tbc	tbc					This will be a new Agreement. A technical meeting took place 20-21 January 2015. Confirmation of interest by Kenya on 21/03/2016, but date to start negotiation not agreed upon yet.
PACIFIC	Cook Islands	13/10/2020	717 500 €	January, 2018 (tbc)	Brussels						The current 4-year Protocol is in force since 14/10/2016. Currently the only SFPFA in the Pacific.	
	Kiribati			November or December 2017	Hong Kong (tbc)						No Protocol in force, which expired on 15/09/2015. Afterwards, 2 rounds of negotiations took place, but no deal reached. Soon after the IUU yellow card was attributed to Kiribati. Given that there is progress in the issues that triggered the yellow card, and given Kiribati's willingness to resume negotiations, there is a possibility of the 3rd negotiation round in November or December 2017. In the case of a positive outcome, the provisional entry into force of the new Protocol is subject to the lifting of the yellow card.	

OVERVIEW OF EXISTING IUU PROCEDURES AS REGARDS THIRD COUNTRIES

Source: DG MARE 16/11/2017

Country	Pre-Identification	Pre-Identification Revoked	Identification	Listing	Delisting
Belize	November 2012	N/A	November 2013	March 2014	December 2014
Cambodia	November 2012	N/A	November 2013	March 2014	
Comoros	October 2015	N/A	May 2017	July 2017	
Curaçao	November 2013	February 2017			
Fiji	November 2012	October 2014			
Ghana	November 2013	October 2015			
Kiribati	April 2016				
Korea	November 2013	April 2015			
Liberia	May 2017				
Panama	November 2012	October 2014			
Papua New Guinea	June 2014	October 2015			
Philippines	June 2014	April 2015			
Republic of Guinea	November 2012	N/A	November 2013	March 2014	October 2016
Sierra Leone	April 2016				
Solomon Islands	December 2014	February 2017			
Sri Lanka	November 2012	N/A	October 2014	February 2015	June 2016
St Kitts and Nevis	December 2014				
St Vincent and Grenadines	December 2014	N/A	May 2017	July 2017	
Taiwan	October 2015				
Thailand	April 2015				
Togo	November 2012	October 2014			
Trinidad and Tobago	April 2016				
Tuvalu	December 2014				
Vanuatu	November 2012	October 2014			
Vietnam	October 2017				

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NEXT FISHERIES COMMITTEE MEETINGS

2018

- Wednesday, 24 January, 14:30-18:30
- Thursday, 25 January, 9:00-12:30

- Monday, 26 February, 15:00-18:30
- Tuesday, 27 February, 9:00-12:30

- Wednesday, 21 March, 9:00-12:30
- Wednesday, 21 March, 14:30-18:30
- Thursday, 22 March, 9:00-12:30

- Monday, 23 April, 15:00-18:30
- Tuesday, 24 April, 9:00-12:30
- Tuesday, 24 April, 14:30-18:30

- Monday, 14 May, 15:00-18:30
- Tuesday 15 May, 9:00-12:30

- Wednesday, 20 June, 9:00-12:30
- Wednesday, 20 June, 14:30-18:30
- Thursday, 21 June, 9:00-12:30

USEFUL LINKS

- @ EP Committee on Fisheries [link](#)
- @ DG MARE (European Commission) [link](#)
- @ Estonian Presidency of the Council [link](#) (2nd half of 2017)
- @ Bulgarian Presidency of the Council [link](#) (1st half of 2018)
- @ FAO Fishery and Aquaculture [link](#)
- @ ICES International Council for the Exploration of the Sea [link](#)