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TOP NEWS – FEBRUARY 2016

COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES

Wednesday, 17 February 2016, 9:00-12:30 and 15:00 to 18:30

Thursday, 18 February 2016, 9:00-12:30

Room: Altiero Spinelli (ASP) 5E-2

HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ **Votes on own-initiative reports on:**
 - Common rules with a view to the application of the external dimension of the CFP, including fisheries agreements
 - Innovation and diversification in non-industrial coastal fishing in regions dependent on fishing
 - Fisheries aspects within the international agreement on marine biodiversity in areas beyond national jurisdiction (United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea)
- ▶ **Workshop on "Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing (IUU) and non-cooperating countries"**
- ▶ **Hearing on "Harmonisation of fisheries controls in Europe"**
- ▶ **Presentations by Policy Department of the studies on**
 - "Situation of the clam fisheries sector in the EU"
 - "Social and economic impacts of the penalty points system"

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AGENDA

Next Fisheries Committee meeting

Monday, 21 March, 15:00-18:30

Tuesday, 22 March, 9:00-12:30 and
15h00-18h30

Next Hearing

Monday, 21 March 2016 ,15:00-18:30

"New framework for technical measures"



FURTHER INFORMATION

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

WORDS FROM THE CHAIR



Alain CADEC
Chair of Committee on Fisheries

Dear colleagues,

Dear friends,

This week our committee organizes a public hearing on the harmonization of fisheries controls in the EU. As the Commission intends to propose a revised Control Regulation in near future, it is time to start discussing related issues that will have to be addressed during the legislative procedure.

Well-functioning fisheries control system is crucial for the proper functioning of the CFP. It is one of its cornerstones. Without working Control Regulation there would be no CFP. And without the CFP European fisheries would become fragmented and chaotic.

One can frequently hear Member States complaining that they lack means and funds to ensure fisheries controls. However, it is very difficult to accept this argument when significant financial resources were made available to the Member States in the EMFF. Member States should use them. It is their responsibility.

On the other hand, harmonization of fisheries controls must be accompanied by harmonization of sanctions for rules violations. Control Regulation establishes penalty points system. However the differences in the application of this system between Member States remain significant. There's a lot of space for improvement here.

The effectiveness of fisheries controls is also improved largely by the coordination work carried out by the European Fisheries Control Agency in Vigo. Each year Parliament seeks to preserve the financial resources allocated to this agency. It is essential that we keep doing this in the future as well.

Alain CADEC

ONGOING DOSSIERS

Reports	Rapporteur	Type of procedure	PECH Committee vote	Plenary Session Vote
Multiannual recovery plan for Bluefin tuna in the eastern Atlantic and the Mediterranean 2015/0096(COD)	Mato	COD	10/12/2015	JUN I 2016
Collection, management and use of data in the fisheries sector and support for scientific advice regarding the Common Fisheries Policy. Recast 2015/0133(COD)	Affronte	COD	18-19/04/2016	JUN I 2016
Community Fisheries Control Agency: cooperation. Amending Regulation (EC) No 768/2005 2015/0308(COD)	Cadec	COD	21-22/03/2016	MAY I 2016
Sustainable management of external fishing fleets 2015/0289(COD)	Engström	COD	TBC	TBC
EC/Denmark/Greenland Fisheries Partnership Agreement: fishing opportunities and financial contribution from 01/01/2016-31/12/2020. Protocol 2015/0152(NLE)	Affronte	NLE	21-22/03/2016	APR I 2016
EU/Liberia Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement and Implementation Protocol 2015/0224(NLE)	Wałęsa	NLE	18-19/04/2016	MAY I 2016
EC/Mauritania Fisheries Partnership Agreement: fishing opportunities and financial contribution for a period of four years. Protocol 2015/0229(NLE)	Mato	NLE	15-16/06/2016	JUL 2016
Innovation and diversification in non-industrial coastal fishing in regions dependent on fishing 2015/2090(INI)	Tomašić	INI	17-18/02/2016	APR I 2016
Common rules with a view to the application of the external dimension of the CFP, including fisheries agreements 2015/2091(INI)	Engström	INI	17-18/02/2016	APR I 2016
How to make fisheries controls in Europe uniform 2015/2093(INI)	Thomas	INI	11-12/07/2016	SEP 2016
Fisheries aspects within the international agreement on marine biodiversity in areas beyond national jurisdiction, United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea 2015/2109(INI)	Nicolai	INI	17-18/02/2016	APR I 2016
Prohibition on driftnet fisheries 2014/0138(COD)	Briano	COD	TBC (pending proposals on technical measures)	TBC

Opinions	Rapporteur	Type of procedure	PECH Committee vote	Vote Commission au Fond
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	21-22/03/2016	INTA (TBC)
Structural Reform Support Programme 2017-2020 2015/0263(COD)	Cadec	COD	15-16/06/2016	REGI (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

RESEARCH FROM THE POLICY DEPARTMENT 'B':

REQUESTED:

- *Handling of and possible solutions for "choke species" within the reformed CFP - example of plaice in the Baltic Sea*
- *The discard ban and its impact on the MSY objective - A regional challenge*
- *Markets of fisheries and aquaculture products: The added value chain and the role of promotion, labelling and consumer information*
- *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*
- *Integration in the fisheries industry*

PUBLISHED:

CFP and fisheries management

- *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 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*
- *Compliance of imports of fisheries and aquaculture products with EU legislation*
- *IUU fishing and sanctions in the EU*
- *Summary of the implementation of EU Regulation 1967/2006 (Mediterranean Regulation)*
- *Characteristics of small-scale coastal fisheries in Europe*
- *Real-time closures of fisheries*
- *An adapted CFP reform for the Mediterranean and the Black Sea (workshop with 3 notes)*
- *Excess fishing capacity in the reform of the Common Fisheries Policy*
- *The small-scale coastal fleet in the reform of the Common Fisheries Policy*

Ecologic Impact

- *Sardine (*Sardina pilchardus*) 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*
- *Establishment of fish stock recovery areas*
- *Between fisheries and bird conservation: the cormorant conflict*
- *Does overfishing promote algal blooms?*
- *Regime shifts in marine ecosystems (workshop with 4 notes)*
- *Interaction of seals and fish stocks (workshop with 4 notes)*
- *Natura 2000 and the Common Fisheries Policy*
- *Long-term impact of different fishing methods on the ecosystem in the Kattegat and Öresund*

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*
- *Data deficient fisheries in EU waters*
- *Deep sea fishing*
- *The North Sea brown shrimp fisheries*

Structural Policy

- *Global fisheries subsidies*
- *Fuel subsidies in the EU*
- *Profitability of the EU fishing fleet*
- *Women in fisheries: a European perspective*
- *Perspectives for the new European Fisheries Fund*
- *Prospects for the development of tourism activities related to fishing*

External dimension

- *Fisheries management and the Arctic in the context of climate change*
- *Fisheries cooperation with Iceland and Norway*
- *Application of the system of derogation to the rules of origin of fisheries products in Papua New Guinea and Fiji*
- *The role of China in world fisheries*
- *Rights-based fisheries management in Iceland*

Mission briefings

- *Fisheries in Galicia (mission 2016)*
- *Fisheries in Azores/Réunion (missions 2015)*
- *Fisheries in Germany (delegation 2014)*
- *Fisheries in Ireland/ Canary Islands/Denmark/Japan (delegations 2013)*
- *Fisheries in Brittany/Iceland/Veneto (delegations 2012)*
- *Fisheries in Portugal/Poland/Bulgaria/Seychelles (delegations 2011)*
- *Fisheries in the Black Sea*
- *Industrial fisheries in the Baltic Sea*
- *Fisheries in the Basque Country/Sicily/Sweden/Mauritania (delegations 2010)*

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

FISHERIES NEWS IN BRIEF

COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

[News - Press service](#)

Agriculture and Fisheries Council (15/02/2016)

A proposal on the **sustainable management of external fishing fleets** was presented to the Council. The purpose of the text is to modernise the management of authorisations granted both to EU vessels to fish outside EU waters, and to third country fishing vessels to operate in EU waters. Member states supported the contribution the proposal could make in combatting illegal fisheries. However, several member states expressed concerns regarding the administrative burden the proposal might entail.

[Meeting information](#)

Next meeting:

Agriculture and Fisheries Council, 14/03/2016

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

[News - Press service](#)

Future scenarios for the recovery of Bluefin Tuna discussed in California

(21/01/2016)

"Bluefin Futures Symposium" took place on 18-20 January in Monterey, California.

The three-day symposium on the status and future of Pacific, Atlantic and Southern bluefin tunas featured high level presentations from scientists, NGOs, Regional Fisheries Management Organisations (RFMOs) and governmental representatives, including the European Commission.

The various interventions revealed how different scientific approaches can deliver towards sustainability and confirmed the crucial role of cooperation among the various stakeholders to reach conservation objectives.

Consensus was broad on the key role of RFMOs, which remain the appropriate fora for taking management decisions and ultimately to ensure sustainability, provided that all parties are committed to take ambitious measures and to ensure full compliance with the RFMO management and conservation measures. Among the three Bluefin tuna species, Eastern Atlantic and

Mediterranean Bluefin tuna was pointed as case study which demonstrated that political will, sustained efforts and great sacrifices bear fruit and eventually result in a progressive recovery of the stock.

EU Fisheries and Aquaculture Markets Highlights - 01/2016

(27/01/2016)

EUMOPA Monthly Highlights n°01/2016 is now available in [English](#), [Español](#), [Français](#)

Economic performance of the EU fishing fleet

(29/01/2016)

A new infographic is [on-line](#)

SPRFMO consolidates its commitment to fisheries sustainability and control in the South Pacific

(01/02/2016)

At its annual meeting, held from 25-29 January in Valdivia, Chile, the South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation (SPRFMO) adopted a series of important conservation and enforcement measures demonstrating its commitment to sustainable fisheries in the region.

The agreed conservation measure for jack mackerel, the main commercial stock managed by the organisation, authorises a total allowable catch for 2016 of 460 000 tonnes in line with the recommended limit of the Scientific Committee. The EU's share of 28 100 tonnes was also confirmed.

Several conservation measures were adopted to regulate deep sea fishing and new exploratory fisheries in the region.

The SPRFMO also strengthened its monitoring and compliance functions. For the first time, it carried out a compliance review of its members against their obligations. A Russian flagged vessel was added to the Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fishing vessel list, which also contains another Russian and a Peruvian flagged vessel.

A new measure was adopted establishing that vessels without nationality fishing in SPRFMO waters are engaged in IUU fishing and paving the way for consequent sanctions.

The selection process for providing SPRFMO with a Vessel Monitor System has been launched, which will greatly improve SPRFMO capacity to monitor vessels operating in the area. A VMS service provider will be selected at the next annual meeting. The next annual meeting will take place in Australia in January 2017.

Background

The South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation is an inter-governmental organisation committed to the long-term conservation and sustainable use of the fishery resources of the South Pacific Ocean.

EU member states with fishing interests in the area include Poland, the Netherlands, Germany and Lithuania.

Spain and Portugal discuss with the Commission on sardines quotas

(02/02/2016)

In Brussels the Director-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries at the European Commission, Mr João Aguiar Machado, met with the Fisheries Secretaries of State of Spain, Mr Andrés Hermida Trastoy and Portugal, Mr José Apolinário.

The aim was to discuss appropriate measures, supported by science, to help the Iberian sardine stock biomass recover from historically low levels. The sardine fishery is of utmost importance for a large number of coastal communities in the two Member States concerned.

In the past years Spain and Portugal have implemented a joint management plan limiting annual catches of sardines to help the stock recover.

The 2016 quotas to ensure sustainable fisheries in EU

(03/02/2016)

In fixing the fishing opportunities for 2016 for the Atlantic, North Sea and Black Sea, the Council confirmed the gradual transition to sustainable fishing that the EU initiated years ago and then formalized in the now two-year-old Common Fisheries Policy.

After long and intense negotiations, the December Council reached a number of noteworthy political agreements. In fixing the fishing opportunities for 2016 for the Atlantic, North Sea and Black Sea, the Council confirmed the gradual but relentless transition

to sustainable fishing that the EU initiated years ago and then formalized in the now two-year-old Common Fisheries Policy.

The new fishing limits set for 2016 mean that 32 fisheries will be fished in line with maximum sustainable yield (MSY). Together with the 4 stocks already regulated for the Baltic Sea, this brings to 36 the total number of fisheries managed at MSY in the EU. For a few more stocks levels were set in a way that allows achieving MSY in 2017 or (for very difficult cases) in 2018, but not beyond that date – which leaves sufficient leeway to meet the deadline of 2020 set by the recent reform.

A second fundamental objective of that reform was the phase-out of discards. An obligation to land all catches has been in force for pelagic fisheries, but the operation is more delicate for demersal fisheries and now - thanks to the successful negotiations in Council - it can start as planned at the beginning of this year. By way of compensation for its efforts to land all the fish caught, the fishing industry receives additional quotas (called “top-ups”) that correspond to the amounts of fish they can no longer discard and have to bring to port.

Another important outcome is the urgent attention given to specific species. For sea bass, a stock in steep decline that had not been managed at EU level until 2015, the Commission’s tough recovery scheme was readily endorsed. In other cases the Council opted for gradual quota reductions over a few years rather than an immediate drop in 2016, but all decisions stayed within the lines set by scientific advice.

More information: [LINK](#)

EU advocates for shared efforts towards transparency in fisheries

(03/02/2016)

Together with international stakeholders, the European Commission participated in the 1st International Conference on the Fisheries Transparency Initiative (FITI) held in Nouakchott, Mauritania. Transparency is a key principle of the EU's approach to European and international fisheries policy.

The EU observes with interest the establishment of the FITI initiative, an encouraging contribution to the shared goal of making national and international fisheries more transparent. Mauritania, Indonesia and the Seychelles are among the first countries

that have expressed the intention to establish a national transparency reporting mechanism. Fisheries transparency aims at providing relevant stakeholders and the public with data on resources management, and at increasing resource sustainability.

Transparency is at the core of the EU's reformed Common Fisheries Policy and is incorporated as a requirement in the [Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreements](#) concluded between the EU and non-EU countries. SFPAs create a partnership to promote sustainable fisheries, based on the best available scientific advice, with the objective of allowing EU vessels to fish only surplus resources in the fishing zones of partner countries.

The public can consult SFPAs in their entirety, including information on fishing opportunities, financial compensation and technical conditions. These highly regulated and transparent frameworks are now recognised by most stakeholders as governance benchmarks for the sustainable management of fisheries worldwide and reflect the responsibility of the EU towards its fleet wherever it operates.

The European Commission also recently proposed [new rules](#) to improve the transparency and monitoring of the EU fleet operations outside EU waters.



EUMOFA new services and now available in 24 languages (04/02/2016)

European Market Observatory for Fisheries and Aquaculture Products (EUMOFA) has moved into a new phase, with the launch of a 24-language user-friendly website that brings updated, reliable and harmonized data on the EU fisheries sector to users, allowing them to browse and extract information on individual products but also by country or by week, month or year.

More information: [LINK](#)
[EUMOFA](#)

Economic analysis of the EU tuna fleets involved in fishing activities governed by RFMOs or FPAs Study published 09/02/2016

- [Methodology](#)  [2 MB] 

- Final report  [5 MB]  (an executive summary in English is included in the report)

New European Maritime and Fisheries Fund kicks off in the UK (09/02/2016)

Fisheries, aquaculture and maritime projects in the UK are one step closer to receiving support from the EU's European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF), following the official EMFF launch event in Poole this week. The UK is set to receive €243 million of EU funds for the period 2014-2020.

The UK launch event was organised by the Marine Management Organisation, the British body charged with managing the EMFF in the UK. It was attended by the British Marine and Fisheries Minister George Eustice MP and other government representatives, as well as representatives from the European Commission and from the fisheries and wider marine sector.

Part of the €243 million available will go to help the UK's fleet transition to sustainable and discard-free fisheries. Across the fisheries, aquaculture and processing supply chains, funds will be injected into innovation, onshore and offshore infrastructure and efficient use of natural resources. Small businesses will get easier access to capital and a new emphasis on site restoration will re-attract people to coastal areas. Local development initiatives (aka Fisheries Local Action Groups or FLAGs) will be encouraged to diversify their economies, bring added value to their fishing activities and make fisheries and aquaculture communities stronger.

Other funds are earmarked to develop IT tools and technologies used for control and enforcement and to improve the traceability of fisheries products. Money will also be used to support the collection of fisheries data, which are vital to sustainably manage our seas.

More information

- [Overview EMFF](#)
- [Factsheet EMFF in the UK](#)

Ex post and ex ante evaluation of the protocol to the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the EU and the Republic of Mauritius Study published 12/02/2016

- [Final report](#)  [2 MB]

MEETINGS OF THE ADVISORY COUNCILS

RAC	DATE	PLACE	TYPE	Main issues
MED AC	17-18/02/2016	Roma	Focus Group, GA	Demersal Fisheries, Administrative matters, Rules of Procedure
NS AC	23/02/2016	London	Focus Group	Sea bass
PEL AC	25/02/2016	The Hague	ExCom, WG I and II	
LD AC	9-10/03/2016	Brussels	WG 1, 4 and 5	RFMOs, third countries, horizontal issues
NS AC	10-11/03/2016	Stockholm	ExCom, Focus Group	Landing obligation
MED AC	15-16/03/2016	Ciudad de Almería, Spain	WG	Highly migratory species, discards demersals
NS AC	12/04/2016	The Hague	WG	Demersal
MED AC	13-14/04/2016	Split	WG	GFCM, Strait of Sicily
PEL AC	21/04/2016	The Hague	ExCom, WG I and II	
BS AC	26/04/2016	Hambourg	GA and ExCom	
PEL AC	12-13/07/2016	Peterhead, Scotland	ExCom, WG I and II	

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
February 2016			
22 - 25	NEAFC WG on Allocation Criteria	Multilateral	London
March 2016			
8 - 10	NEAFC WG on Coastal State process	Multilateral	London
TBC	Coastal States WG on MCS (Control)	Multilateral	TBC
April 2016			
13-15	NEAFC-PECMAC	Multilateral	London
TBC	EU-Norway WG on joint management strategies	Bilateral	TBC
TBC	EU-Norway WG on the Management of plaice in the North Sea and Skagerrak	Bilateral	TBC
May 2016			
TBC	EU-Norway WG on ERS (Electronic Reporting System)	Bilateral	TBC
TBC	EU-Faroe Islands Technical Consultations	Bilateral	TBC
June 2016			
TBC	EU-Norway Consultations on joint management strategies	Bilateral	TBC
TBC	EU-Norway Consultations concerning cross border issues in Skagerrak	Bilateral	TBC

REGIONAL FISHERIES ORGANISATIONS AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS

Date	Organisation	Type of meeting	Venue
February 2016			
15 -19	CMS	Meeting of the parties to the Memorandum of Understanding on Sharks under the Convention on Migratory Species (MOS2)	Valdivia, Chile
22 - 26	FAO	Sub-Committee on trade	Agadir, Morocco
March 2016			
7 - 8	ICCAT	Convention working group	Madrid, Spain
21 - 23	GFCM	Scientific Advisory Committee on Fisheries (SAC)	Nicosia, Cyprus
23 - 24	UN	ICSP – Informal consultation of State Parties to UNCLOS	New York, USA
28/3 - 8/4	UN	Preparatory Committee BBNJ	New York, USA
April 2016			
4 - 6	NAFO	Working Group Risk Based Management Strategies	Faeroes Islands
18 - 20	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)	117 th session of the Committee of Fisheries (COFI)	Paris, France
20 - 22	CECAF	Committee meeting	Dakar, Senegal
19 - 21		Arctic High Seas Fisheries	Washington, USA
May 2016			
9 - 11	NAFO	STACTIC intersession	London (UK)
16 - 28	IOTC	Annual meeting	La Réunion, France
23 - 27	UN	UNFSA review conference	New York, USA

30/5 – 03/6	GFCM	Annual session	Malta
June 2016			
3 -16	NAFO	Scientific Council	Halifax, Canada
	SIOFA	Annual Meeting	La Réunion, France
6 -10	North Atlantic Salmon Conservation Organization (NASCO)	Annual Meeting	Bad Neuenahr, Germany
13 - 24	UN	State Parties to the UNCLOS and 17th Meeting of the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea (ICP)	New York, USA
	Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission & International Dolphin Conservation Program (IATTC/AIDCP)	Committee and Annual Meeting	La Jolla, USA
20 - 24	WECAFC	Commission meeting	Guadaloupe, France
July 2016			
TBC	NAFO	Working Group on Bycatch and discards + WG on Ecosystem Approach	Halifax, Canada
TBC	International Seabed Authority (ISBA)	Annual Meeting	Kingston, Jamaica
11 - 16	Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO)	COFI - Committee on Fisheries – 32 nd Session	Rome, Italy
September 2016			
TBC	United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)	Oceans and Law of the Sea Resolution	New York, USA
19 - 23	Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organisation (NAFO)	Annual Meeting	Varadero, Cuba
15 - 16		Our Ocean Conference 2016	USA
29/8 - 12/9	UN	Preparatory Committee BBNJ	New York, USA
October 2016			
06 -13 TBC	The Commission for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna (CCSBT)	Compliance Committee & Annual Meeting	Taiwan
TBC	International Dolphin Conservation Program (AIDCP)	International Review Panel	La Jolla USA
6 - 13	Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR)	Compliance Committee & Annual Meeting	Hobart, Australia
17 - 19	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)	118th session of the Committee of Fisheries (COFI)	Paris, France
TBC	Bering Sea Convention	Annual conference	Virtual meeting

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	MAR 2016	TBC		
	Morocco	14/07/2018				
	Senegal	19/11/2019	APR/MAY 2016	Brussels		
	Guinea Bissau	23/11/2017			4th quarter 2016	TBC
	Greenland	31/12/2015	24-27/04/2016	Copenhagen		
WEST AFRICA	Cape-Verde	22/12/2018	APR 2016	Praia		
	Ivory Coast	30/06/2018	25-27/01/2016	Brussels		
	Gabon	23/07/2016	19-21/01/2016	Libreville, Gabon	JAN 2016	TBC
	Liberia	08/12/2020	MAR/APR 2016 (tbc)	Monrovia (tbd)		
	São Tomé and Príncipe	23/05/2018		Brussels		
INDIAN OCEAN	Comoros	31/12/2016	MAR 2016 (tbc)	Comoros	MAR 2016 (tbc)	Comoros
	Madagascar	31/12/2018	07-09/03/2016 (tbc)	Brussels		
	Mauritius	27/01/2017	APR 2016	Mauritius	APR 2016	Mauritius
	Mozambique	No protocol in force	24-26/02/2016	Maputo		
	Seychelles	17/01/2020				
	Mayotte (Access agreement Seychelles flagged vessels in EU waters)	19/05/2020				
	Kenya	No Agreement/ Protocol				
	Tanzania	No Agreement/ Protocol	2016	Dar es Salam	2nd quarter 2016 (tbd)	Tanzania
PACIFIC	Kiribati	No protocol in force since 15/09/2015				
	Cook Islands	New Agreement/ Protocol initialled	JUN 2016 (tbc)	TBC		

COMPOSITION OF THE COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES

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TOMAŠIĆ Ruža	HR	ECR			
VAN DALEN Peter	NL	ECR			
WAŁĘSA Jarosław Leszek	PL	EPP			

NEXT FISHERIES COMMITTEE MEETINGS

2016

- Monday, 21 March, 15:00-18:30
- Tuesday, 22 March, 9:00-12:30
- Tuesday, 22 March, 15:00-18:30

- Monday, 18 April, 15:00-18:30
- Tuesday, 19 April, 9:00-12:30
- Tuesday, 19 April, 15:00-18:30

- Wednesday, 15 June, 9:00-12:30
- Wednesday, 15 June, 15:00-18:30
- Thursday, 16 June, 9:00-12:30

- Monday, 11 July, 15:00-18:30
- Tuesday, 12 July, 9:00-12:30
- Tuesday, 12 July, 15:00-18:30

- Wednesday, 31 August, 15:00-18:30

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

- 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