



The Trawler

TOP NEWS – JULY 2016

COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES

Monday, 11 July, 15:00 - 18:30

Tuesday, 12 July, 9:00 - 12:30 and 15:00 - 18:30

Room: Paul-Henri Spaak (PHS) 4B001

HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Exchange of views with Gabriela Matečná, Slovak Minister for Agriculture and Rural Development, Council President-in-Office, on the priorities of the Slovak presidency
- ▶ Votes on the texts agreed during inter-institutional negotiations on “Specific conditions to fishing for deep-sea stocks in the North-East Atlantic” and on the “Long-term plan for cod stocks and the fisheries exploiting those stocks”
- ▶ Vote on the own-initiative report “How to make fisheries controls in Europe uniform”
- ▶ Exchange of views with the Commission on ongoing Fisheries Agreements’ negotiations and on measures against IUU fishing
- ▶ Presentation of a study on “Options for the management of quota-protected species in the light of the landing obligation - the example of the Baltic plaice” by Dr. Christopher Zimmermann (Thünen Institute of Baltic Sea Fisheries)

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AGENDA

Next Fisheries Committee meetings:

Wednesday, 31 August: 15:00 - 18:30 (Budget)

Thursday, 8 September: 09:00 - 12:30

Next mission

Norway (Bergen/Tromsø): 18-21 July 2016

WORDS FROM THE CHAIR



Alain CADEC
Chair of Committee on Fisheries

Dear colleagues,

On 1 July 2016 Slovakia took over the Presidency of the Council of the EU from the Netherlands.

To mark this occasion we invited Ms. Gabriela Matečná, Slovak Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, to the next committee meeting to present the priorities of the Slovak Presidency and to have an exchange of views with the Members of our committee.

In the last days of the Dutch presidency, agreements were reached on the multi-annual management plan for Baltic cod and the deep sea fishing. These files were blocked for a very long time, but are now out of the way thanks to the efforts of the Dutch presidency and, of course, our rapporteurs. We can only welcome these excellent inter-institutional dynamics.

Therefore, we should keep up the momentum and with the incumbent Slovak presidency focus on other big files awaiting our attention: the ongoing trilogues on the framework for data collection, the new framework of technical measures as well as other multiannual management plans. Technical measures and multiannual management plans are particularly important to the successful implementation of the CFP.

This is also our last meeting before the summer recess. Therefore, my dear colleagues, I would like to wish you all nice holidays.

Alain CADEC

ONGOING DOSSIERS

Reports	Rapporteur	Type of procedure	PECH Committee vote	Plenary Session Vote
Sustainable management of external fishing fleets 2015/0289(COD)	Engström	COD	9-10/11/2016	DEC 2016
Conservation of fishery resources and protection of marine ecosystems through technical measures 2016/0074(COD)	Mato	COD	MAR 2017	TBC
Characteristics for fishing vessels. Recast 2016/0145 (COD)	Kuhn	COD	TBC	TBC
International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT): management, conservation and control measures applicable in the Convention Area 2016/0187(COD)	TBC	COD	TBC	TBC
EU/Cook Islands Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement and implementation Protocol 2016/0077(NLE)	Ferreira	NLE	9-10/11/2016	DEC 2016
EU/Norway Agreement: reciprocal access to fishing in the Skagerrak for vessels flying the flag of Denmark, Norway and Sweden 2016/0192(NLE)	TBC	NLE	TBC	TBC
How to make fisheries controls in Europe uniform 2015/2093(INI)	Thomas	INI	12/07/2016	OCT I 2016
The role of fisheries-related tourism in the diversification of fisheries 2016/2035(INI)	Briano	INI	9-10/11/2016	DEC 2016
Management of the fishing fleets in the outermost regions 2016/2016(INI)	Rodust	INI	MAR 2017	APR 2017
Status of fish stocks and socio-economic situation of the fishing sector in the Mediterranean 2016/2079 (INI)	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 2012/0179(COD)	Thomas	COD	04/11/2013	OCT II or NOV I 2016
Long-term plan for cod stocks and the fisheries exploiting those stocks: management 2012/0236(COD)	Dodds	COD	23/04/2013	OCT II or NOV 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	19/04/2016	OCT I 2016

Opinions	Rapporteur	Type of procedure	PECH Committee vote	Vote Commission au Fond
Budget 2017 of the European Union - Section III - Commission (BUD) 2016/2047(BUD)	Torvalds	(BUD)	31/08/2016	BUDG (TBC)
EU action Plan against wildlife trafficking 2016/2076(INI)	Serrão Santos	(INI)	10-11/10/2016	ENVI (13/10/2016)
An integrated European Union policy for the Arctic JOIN(2016)0021 final	Wałęsa	(INI)	TBC	AFET (TBC)
EU/Morocco Agreement: protection of geographical indications and designations of origin for agricultural products, fish and fishery products (...) 2015/0203(NLE)	Van Dalen	NLE	TBC (pending legal advice)	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

RESEARCH FROM THE POLICY DEPARTMENT 'B':

REQUESTED:

- *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*
- *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

- *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)*

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FISHERIES NEWS IN BRIEF

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

News - Press service

MEPs and ministers strike informal deal to ban deep sea fishing below 800 metres

(30/06/2016)

MEPs and ministers struck a deal on a ban on fishing below a depth of 800 meters in the North-East Atlantic. The ban, agreed on Thursday afternoon, will apply to bottom trawling and would also restrict deep-sea fishing to the area where it took place between 2009 and 2011.

"When the European Commission originally proposed a ban on deep sea fishing, I made the bet that we could reconcile, socio-economic imperatives with environment protection ones, to further the cause of sustainable development. Contrary to claims made by prophets of doom, we have managed to strike a balance between fishing effort and ecology", said rapporteur **Isabelle Thomas (S&D, FR)**.

Depth limits

Parliament's and Council's negotiators agreed on setting a depth limit of 800 metres, so that no deep sea fishing will take place beneath this limit. This new provision will protect the fragile vulnerable marine ecosystems of the deep sea bed.

A separate provision for protecting the Vulnerable Marine Ecosystems (VME) was added to the regulation, whereby for deep sea fishing activities below 400 metres if the quantity of VME indicators (detailed list annexed to the regulation) caught exceeds certain thresholds (defined in the new regulation) the vessel would need to immediately stop all fishing operations and resume only when it has reached an area at least five nautical miles away from the area it encountered VME.

Fishing area covered by the new regulation

The EU will freeze the "footprint"-area where deep sea fishing activities took place- in EU waters in the North-East Atlantic to the area where deep-sea fishing took place in 2009-

2011. This will apply to vessels targeting deep sea species; i.e. those whose deep sea species catch makes up more than 8% of the total on at least one fishing trip during the year.

Data collection, transparency, observers on board

MEPs inserted stronger transparency safeguards by including obligations to provide public information on EU vessels targeting deep-sea species and to report all catches (fish and vulnerable ecosystems). Member states will also be required to provide information on the location of vulnerable ecosystems (impact assessments) and the EU Commission will assess this data annually and adapt the allowed fishing area accordingly (using implementing acts).

20% of EU vessels will need to have an observer (scientist) on board to ensure the collection of timely and accurate data.

Next steps

The informal agreement will now need to be endorsed now by Parliament's Fisheries Committee and the Council. The plenary vote is foreseen for November.

Background

Technological progress in the 1980s and 1990s contributed to [new forms of fishing](#) at previously unexplored depths, from several hundred to several thousand metres below the surface. But [deep-sea ecosystems](#) still remain largely unknown today. Some deep-sea fish species can live for a very long time (over a century in the case of the orange roughy), and some deep-sea corals can be thousands of years old. Very slow growing and late reproducing fish make such a stock highly sensitive to overfishing. Vulnerable marine habitats (of corals or sponges, for example) are also particularly sensitive to some fishing methods. In view of the threats to deep-sea stocks, and recognising the fragility of deep-sea ecosystems, initiatives have progressively been developed, both globally (e.g. UN [Food and Agriculture Organisation](#)) and at regional level (e.g. [North East Atlantic Fisheries Commission](#) (NEAFC) to promote more responsible exploitation of deep-seas.

The [North-East Atlantic Ocean](#) is dominated by deep ocean basins and the morphology of the sea floor is dominated by two deep areas on both sides of the Mid-Atlantic Ridge, with depths down to 5,000 metres. The EU vessels targeting deep-sea species are French, Spanish, Portuguese, Irish British, or German.

COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

News - Press service

External fishing fleets: Council agrees on its position

(28/06/2016)

The Council agreed on a general approach on the sustainable management of external fishing fleets, on the basis of a compromise text prepared by the Presidency.

The Council agreement strikes a balance between the commitment to sustainable and transparent fishing activities outside Union waters, and the need for robust administrative procedures, especially concerning authorisations. The Commission proposal for a regulation on external fishing fleets envisages an overhaul of the regime of authorisations for Union fishing vessels to fish outside Union waters, and for third country fishing vessels to fish inside Union waters. The main objective is to make sure that the core principles of the Common Fisheries Policy, such as sustainability or the fight against illegal fishing, are respected by EU vessels whether they fish inside or outside EU waters. In order to do so the proposed regulation lays down clear and precise rules to authorise and monitor all EU vessels when they fish outside the EU waters, irrespective of where the fishing activity takes place.

Simpler and wider-ranging rules

The Council general approach confirms the ambitious broadening of the scope of the regulation to issues such as direct third country licences, chartering and "reflagging". It also endorses the Commission approach as to introducing a joint database to further improve the transparency of external fishing activity and to simplify monitoring.

Streamlined authorisation procedures

Before it can fish outside Union waters, an EU vessel needs an authorisation by or an agreement with the third country or international fisheries management organisation concerned. Furthermore an EU vessel now needs an authorisation by its flag Member State too.

The Council general approach introduces changes to the various authorisation procedures to limit the administrative burden, increase legal certainty, ensure equal treatment between internal and external

fleets, and shorten the time of response to applicants.

Improved reporting obligations

Reporting obligations are reviewed by the Council in order to make them supplementary to existing channels and practices under fisheries agreements.

The proposed regulation on external fishing fleets supplements the regulations on controls and on illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing (IUU), which are key implementing pillars of the CFP.

The Commission sent its proposal in December 2015 and the Council examination started in January 2016 at working party level.

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

News - Press service

16th Session of the Western Central Atlantic Fishery Commission (WECAFC) – a first step towards better fisheries governance in the region (29/06/2016)

The 16th Session of the Western Central Atlantic Fishery Commission (WECAFC) was held in Gosier (Guadeloupe, France) from 20-24 June 2016. It was attended by representatives from 28 member countries, including the European Commission for the European Union, as well as observers from sub-regional fisheries organisations, cooperation agencies and civil society.

Progress was made in a number of areas. Most notably, members agreed to move ahead with plans to establish a Regional Fisheries Management Organisation (RFMO) in the region. The European Union welcomes this as an important first step to improving fisheries management and governance in the Central Atlantic.

WECAFC members will now hold a first preparatory meeting in 2017, where they will discuss the objectives and competence area of the new RFMO, as well as which stocks should be covered. They will also discuss the budgetary implications, the institutional structure and national sovereignty aspects.

In addition, important progress was made on fisheries management, data collection, and the fight against illegal, unregulated and unreported (IUU) fishing.

With regard to fisheries management, the WECAFC adopted recommendations on

management plans for queen conch, spiny lobster and flyingfish, on deep sea fisheries management in the high seas and on the management of shrimp and groundfish resources. Members also adopted resolutions on sea cucumber and on marine protected areas respectively.

On data collection, following a workshop co-funded by the EU, the WECAFC agreed to strengthen data collection and data sharing by setting up a working group for fisheries data and statistics to support fishery management plans in the region.

Finally, members agreed that appropriate legal frameworks and protocols for cooperation among countries should be established to ensure the successful implementation of the FAO's Port State Measures Agreement and effective regional cooperation against IUU fishing. To this end, the WECAFC endorsed the terms of reference of the WECAFC working group on IUU that will meet for the first time next October.

The WECAFC aims to ensure the conservation and rational exploitation of the marine resources in the Central West Atlantic, covering the Caribbean Basin and the tropical western Atlantic Ocean. As a consultative body under FAO, it has no powers to introduce binding management or conservation measures. The EU is a WECAFC member, as are France, the Netherlands, Spain and the United Kingdom.

Sustainable fishing levels by 2020: an appointment Ministers are determined to keep

(29/06/2016)

Commissioner Vella gave the EU Fisheries Ministers a preview of the fishing limits to be applied in 2017. He stressed that our fisheries are making good progress towards sustainable management, but nevertheless we must keep up the effort to be able to comply with our common objectives and deadlines. The Ministers confirmed their commitment to move slowly but surely towards sustainable fishing levels.

Maximum sustainable yield should be reached as soon as possible and by 2020 at the latest. At the same time - they pointed out - the economic sustainability of the fleets concerned needs to be preserved at all times.

In stark contrast to the overall situation, overfishing is still widespread in the Mediterranean and in the Black Sea, and stocks are in bad shape. Both Commissioner Vella and the Member States around these basins committed to renew collective efforts; some Ministers underlined that those efforts have to extend to the third countries of the basin as well.

[Fishing opportunities for 2017: A commitment to healthy and profitable fisheries](#)

[Questions & answers about fishing opportunities in the EU for 2017](#)

New rules for cod stocks

(01/07/2016)

On 29 June 2016 the Council of Fisheries Ministers and the European Parliament reached a political agreement to amend the rules currently in force for cod stocks (a long-term plan, also known as the cod recovery plan, which has been in force since 2008).

The agreed draft regulation discontinues the effort regime as it prevents the full application of the landing obligation to the areas of the cod plan - thus granting more flexibility to fishermen. It also simplifies the rules on allowable catch limits for the time being and brings them in line with the new Common Fisheries Policy - pending a new set of more permanent management plans that will cover the North Sea and the North Western Waters respectively.

Both the European Parliament and the Ministers stressed that **the measures on selectivity and discard reduction** that were developed under the cod plan should be maintained or further developed, as they can ease the phasing-in of the landing obligation for demersal fisheries which started at the beginning of this year.

Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission marks progress on sharks but fails to adopt tuna conservation measures

(04/07/2016)

The Annual Meeting of the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC) ended on 1st July in La Jolla, California. While no measures were adopted for the management of Tropical Tuna and for the

conservation of Bluefin Tuna, good progress was made on shark conservation and on Fishing Aggregating Devices (FADs) management.

Members could not agree on the recommendations by scientific experts to extend the fishing closure for Bigeye and Yellow-fin tuna to a total of 82 days in order to ensure sustainable fisheries in the region while accommodating for the recent increase in fleet capacity. Discussions will resume at an extraordinary meeting to be held in October. The EU is committed to adopting conservation measures in line with scientific advice. No progress was made on the conservation of Bluefin Tuna, a stock which is close to collapse. Decisions were deferred to the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission.

Good results, on the other hand, were achieved for sharks. The conservation measures adopted for silky sharks are not as strong as the EU would have liked, but are definitely a step in the right direction and will hopefully loosen some of the pressure on this vulnerable species. The new measures adopted for stock assessment and data collection on both silky and hammerhead sharks, with safe release procedures for all non-retained sharks and a general ban on shark lines, are equally encouraging.

The EU proposal on Fishing Aggregating Devices (FADs) was adopted and it will allow for progress on collection of data, research and management of FADs.

While no decision was taken on the reduction of fleet capacity, general principles were agreed on and the EU entrusted with developing concrete proposals against overcapacity to be presented at the October meeting.

Regrettably, the IATTC could not reach a consensus on the EU's proposals on fins naturally attached and on port state measures. The EU strongly encourages action in these areas as a way to combat non-sustainable fishing practices and contribute to the protection of vulnerable shark stocks.

Members re-elected the current Director, who is to modernise the organisation's working methods and resource management on the basis of the recommendations issued by a recent Performance Review.

Background

IATTC is a Regional Fisheries Management Organisation responsible for the conservation

and management of tuna and other marine species in the eastern Pacific Ocean. Its members are: Belize, Canada, China, Chinese Taipei, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, European Union, France, Guatemala, Japan, Kiribati, Korea, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru, United States, Vanuatu and Venezuela. Spain is the only EU Member State that fishes in the area.

More information

[IATTC's website](#)

MEETINGS OF THE ADVISORY COUNCILS

RAC	DATE	PLACE	TYPE	Main issues
PEL AC	12-13/07/2016	Peterhead, Scotland	ExCom, WG I and II	
NS AC	14/07/2016	Aberdeen, Scotland	WG	Demersal
SWW AC	19-20/07/2016	Bordeaux, France	Technical meeting, GA, Ex Com	
BS AC	16/08/2016	Copenhagen, Denmark	Technical WG	
NWW AC	14-15/09/2016	Dublin, Ireland	General Assembly, ExCom, WG	
NS AC	27-28/09/2016	The Hague, Netherlands	GA and ExCom	
PEL AC	05-06/10/2016	The Hague, Netherlands	WG, ExCom and GA	
MED AC	13-14/10/2016	Ajaccio, Corsica	FG, WG 2, WG 4, WG 5	Western Mediterranean, Pelagic fishes, Recreational Fisheries, Socio-economic impact

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
September 2016			
6 - 8	EU Norway Consultations on cross-border issues in the Skagerrak	Bilateral	EU - TBA
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
20 - 21	EU-Norway WG on the Management of plaice in the North Sea and Skagerrak	Bilateral	EU
27 - 28	Coastal States WG on MCS	Multilateral	Torshavn
October 2016			
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
November 2016			
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
December 2016			
	EU-Faroe Islands Consultations for 2017	Bilateral	EU – TBA

REGIONAL FISHERIES ORGANISATIONS AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS

Date	Organisation	Type of meeting	Venue
July 2016			
11 - 16	Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO)	COFI - Committee on Fisheries – 32 nd Session	Rome, Italy
11 - 22	International Seabed Authority (ISBA)	Annual Meeting	Kingston, Jamaica
18 - 22	ICCAT	Integrated Monitoring Measures (IMM) WG	Sapporo, Japan
August 2016			
9 - 12	NAFO	WG on Bycatch and discards + WG on Ecosystem Approach	Halifax, Canada
26/8 - 9/9	UN	Preparatory Committee BBNJ	New York, USA

September 2016			
19 - 23	Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organisation (NAFO)	Annual Meeting	Varadero, Cuba
24/9 - 5/10	CITES	COP	Johannesburg, South Africa
26- 30	United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)	Oceans and Law of the Sea Resolution	New York, USA
October 2016			
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
TBC	Bering Sea Convention	Annual conference	Virtual meeting
November 2016			
7 - 15	United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)	Oceans and Law of the Sea Resolution	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	
December 2016			
5 - 9	Western & Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC)	Annual meeting	Fiji
	South East Atlantic Fisheries Organisation (SEAFO)	Annual 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	OCT 2016 (TBC) extraordinary JC	Nouakchott		
	Morocco	14/07/2018	OCT 2016 (TBC)	Rabat		
	Senegal	19/11/2019	SEPT 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				
	Ivory Coast	30/06/2018	NOV/DEC	Abidjan		
	Gabon	23/07/2016			JUL (TBC)	Libreville
	Ghana	N.A.			Q4 2016 (TBC)	TBC
	Liberia	8/12/2020				
	São Tomé and Príncipe	23/05/2018	SEP 2016 (TBC)	São Tomé		
INDIAN OCEAN	Comoros	31/12/2016				
	Madagascar	31/12/2018				
	Mauritius	21/01/2017			17- 19/08/2016 (TBC)	Brussels
	Mozambique	No protocol in force			SEPT/OCT 2016	Maputo
	Seychelles	17/01/2020	29/06-01/07/2016	Seychelles		
	Mayotte (Access agreement Seychelles flagged vessels in EU waters)	19/05/2020	28/06/2016	Seychelles		
	Kenya	No agreement / protocol			3rd quarter 2016	
PACIFIC	Cook Islands	New Agreement/ Protocol initialled	JUL 2016 (TBC)	Rarotonga		

COMPOSITION OF THE COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES

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KUHN Werner	DE	EPP	LOPE FONTAGNÉ Verónica	ES	EPP
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NEXT FISHERIES COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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- Wednesday, 31 August, 15:00-18:30
- Thursday, 8 September, 9:00-12:30
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- Tuesday, 11 October, 15:00-18:30
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- Thursday, 10 November, 9:00-12:30
- Monday, 5 December, 15:00-18:30

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- @ EP Committee on Fisheries [link](#)
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