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Amendment 15

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Amendment of the Council Regulation (EC) No 1185/2003 on the removal of fins of sharks on board vessels

COM(2011)0798 – C7-0431/2011 – 2011/0364(COD)

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 7 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(7a) In order to ensure conservation of shark stocks and at the same time to prevent the inevitable and significant economic and social losses for the fisheries sector that would be caused by a complete ban on the removal of shark fins from dead sharks on board vessels, control system should be enhanced and the derogation allowing removal of shark fins from dead sharks on board and the retaining on board, transshipping or landing of shark fins to vessels holding a special fishing permit should be narrowed.

Or. en

Justification

Strengthening of the control and narrowing of the current derogation (special fishing permits) are the two main proposals that would allow eliminating all suspicions regarding finning, would guarantee the conservation of sharks stocks, and also would preserve economic and social interests of the fisheries sector.

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Proposal for a regulation
Recital 7 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(7b) Strengthening of control should be achieved by the obligation to tranship and land fins and carcasses always together in the same port, and by the obligation for the vessels' masters to hire an independent body to make the control in all the ports where local authorities are unable to assure due control, in order to ensure that no carcass is discarded and that complete and accurate data of all the captures is collected.

Or. en

Justification

The Commission says, and we agree, that it is the possibility to land fins and bodies in different ports that makes control difficult and not totally efficient. Therefore, we consider that fins and bodies from which these fins were removed are, in all circumstances, always transhipped and landed together in the same port, and that control is done efficiently in all ports where sharks are landed, without any increase of costs for the European Union or the Member States.

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Proposal for a regulation

Recital 7 c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(7c) The scope of this derogation should be narrowed by issuing special fishing permits allowing the removal of shark fins from dead sharks on board to freezer fishing vessels only, in order to preserve food quality and consumer health, safety and energy efficiency, and to ensure a more efficient use of all shark parts by the separate processing on board of fins and of the remaining parts of shark. In such a case, the flag Member State should issue and manage the use of a special fishing permit, containing appropriate conditions, in accordance with Council Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009 of 20 November 2009 establishing a Community control system for ensuring compliance with the rules of the common fisheries policy.

Or. en

Justification

All the reasons that recommend that fins are completely removed from the bodies for onboard storage only apply to freezer vessels and therefore these should be the only ones to have the possibility to apply to the derogation.

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Proposal for a regulation

Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 3

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(3) Article 4 is *deleted*.

(3) Article 4 is *replaced by the following*:

"Article 4

Derogation and associated conditions

1. By way of derogation from Article 3(1) and (1a), and subject to paragraphs 2, 3, 4 and 5 of this Article, vessels which hold a special fishing permit may be allowed to completely remove shark fins from dead sharks on board, retaining them together with the carcasses of those sharks from which they were removed. Those fins and carcasses shall always be kept together, and shall be transhipped and/or landed together in the same port.

2. Such a special fishing permit shall only be issued to freezer fishing vessels, where their capacity to use all parts of sharks has been demonstrated, where a traceability system is in operation, making it possible to establish that the landed fins correspond to the carcasses of sharks being landed (by counting numbers of shark trunks and fins, such as first dorsal or caudal) , where those freezer fishing vessels have established a contract with an independent body to control each landing of sharks in all ports where local authorities are unable to assure due

control and where the need for the separate processing on board of shark fins and the remaining parts of sharks has been justified.

3. It shall be prohibited to discard at sea the remaining parts of sharks after removal of the shark fins, except those parts resulting from basic processing operations, such as beheading, gutting and skinning.

4. The weight of the fins that are retained on board and transhipped or landed together with the carcasses shall not exceed the theoretical weight of the fins that would correspond to the remaining parts of sharks retained on board, transhipped or landed.

5. For the purposes of paragraph 4, the theoretical correspondence between weights of fins and bodies shall be established by Member States, taking into account the type of fishery, the species composition and the type of processing and storage. The theoretical weight of the fins shall not exceed 5 % of the live weight of the shark catch, or 14 % of the dressed weight of the shark catch."

Or. en

Justification

The derogation is reduced to the freezer fishing vessels and the control is enhanced, without any increasing of costs to the European Union. The additional costs of control are paid by the vessel's owners. More transparency is also guaranteed.