

The Trawler

TOP NEWS – JUNE 2018

COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES

Wednesday 20 June 2018, 9.00 - 12.30 and 14.30 - 18.30

Thursday 21 June, 9.00 - 12.30

in Brussels, Room ASP 1G-2

HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Public Hearing on the “EMFF: achievements and perspectives post-2020” and presentation of the new EMFF proposal 2021-2027
- ▶ Exchange of views with stakeholders on the Western Mediterranean MAP for demersal stocks, and on the multiannual recovery plan for Mediterranean swordfish
- ▶ Adoption of a draft opinion on a “Europeans strategy for plastics in a Circular Economy”
- ▶ Presentation of a draft opinion on “Port reception facilities for the delivery of waste from ships”
- ▶ Presentation by ICES of the recent scientific advice on “the comparison of pulse trawls and traditional beam trawls exploiting the North Sea sole”

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Agenda

Next Fisheries Committee meeting:

11-12 July 2018

Next public hearing:

“Landing obligation: state of play before its full implementation in January 2019”

9 October 2018

WORDS FROM THE CHAIR



*Alain CADEC
Chair of Committee on Fisheries*

Dear Colleagues,

Dear Friends,

Our PECH Committee meeting taking place on Wednesday 20 and Thursday 21 June will focus on many important topics, in particular the new European Maritime and Fisheries Funds (EMFF) for the period 2021-2027 and the Multiannual plan for demersal stocks in the Western Mediterranean.

The European Commission has finally adopted on 12 June the legislative proposal for the new EMFF programme after 2020, which is key for the successful implementation and the good functioning of the Common Fisheries Policy. The PECH Committee will hear the feedback and experiences of five experts on difficulties and challenges they encountered in the implementation of the current EMFF programme (2014-20) and discuss with them what could or should improve in the new programme, so that it can help fishermen and the whole fishing sector meet their challenges on sustainability and selectivity quickly and effectively, with a minimum of red tape. After all it's the fishermen and their coastal communities that have to feel the benefits of this EU programme.

The multiannual plans for fish stocks are very important to establish regional and long term management measures. The management plan for demersal stocks in the Western the Mediterranean is one of them and constitutes a big step forward in terms of predictability for the fishing sector and the preservation of stocks. Also on this subject we will consult experts from the countries concerned and discuss their views on how to best manage the fish resources in these waters. Another multiannual plan under scrutiny is the one for demersal stocks in the "Western Waters" for which the draft report will be presented at the next Committee meeting in July.

Alain CADEC

ONGOING DOSSIERS

| Reports | Rapporteur | Type of procedure | PECH Committee vote | Plenary Session Vote |
|---|------------|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| 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 | 24/9/2018 | TBC |
| Establishing multi-annual plan for the fisheries exploiting demersal stocks in the Western Mediterranean Sea COM(2018)115 2018/0050(COD) PECH/8/12491 | Aguilera | COD | 24/9/2018 | APR 2019 |
| Multi-annual plan for fish stocks in the Western Waters and adjacent waters and for fisheries exploiting those stocks, amending Regulation (EU) 2016/1139 establishing a multiannual plan for the Baltic Sea and repealing Regulations (EC) No 811/2004, (EC) No 2166/2005, (EC) No 388/2006, (EC) No 509/2007 and (EC) No 1300/2008 COM(2018)0149 - C8-0126/2018 2018/0074 (COD) PECH/8/12613 | Cadec | COD | 9/10/2018 | MAR 2019 |
| Fishing in the GFCM (General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean) Agreement area COM(2018)0143 - C8 - 0123/2018 2018/0069 (COD) PECH/8/12617 | Engström | COD | 21/11/2018 | MAR II (TBC) |
| Multiannual recovery plan for Mediterranean swordfish COM(2018)0229 - C8-0162/2018 2018/0109 (COD) PECH/8/12919 | Affronte | COD | 21/11/2018 | TBC |
| Fisheries control COM(2018)368 - 2018/0193 (COD) PECH/8/13412 | Thomas | COD | TBC | TBC |
| NLE Reports | Rapporteur | Type of procedure | PECH Committee vote | Plenary Session vote |
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| Reports adopted in PECH awaiting 1st/2nd reading agreements | Rapporteur | Type of procedure | PECH Committee vote | Plenary Session Vote |
| Conservation of fishery resources and protection of marine ecosystems through technical measures COM(2016)0134 final - 2016/0074(COD) PECH/8/06008 | Mato | COD | 21/11/2017 | JAN 2018 |

| INI Reports | Rapporteur | Type of procedure | PECH Committee vote | Plenary Session vote |
|--|---------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
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| Opinions | Rapporteur | Type of procedure | PECH Committee vote | Vote Lead Committee |
| EU/Morocco Agreement on the protection of geographical indications and designations of origin for agricultural products, fish and fishery products COM(2015)0446 final - 2015/0203(NLE) PECH/8/04498 | Van Dalen | NLE | New saisine awaited | INTA |
| Budget 2019 2018/2046(BUD) PECH/8/12657 | Cadec | BUD | 29/8/2018 | BUDG (TBC) |
| Port reception facilities for the delivery of waste from ships, repealing Directive 2000/59/EC and amending Directive 2009/16/EC and Directive 2010/65/EU COM(2018)0033 - 2018/0012(COD) PECH/8/ | Monteiro | COD | 11/7/2018 | TRAN 9/10/2018 |
| European strategy for plastics in a circular economy COM(2018)0028 PECH/8/12439 | Flack | INI | 20/6/2018 | ENVI 9-10/7/2018 |
| Transparency and sustainability of the EU risk assessment in the food chain COM(2018)179 final - 2018/0088(COD) PECH/8/12787 | Serrao Santos | COD | TBC | ENVI (TBC) |
| Minimum requirements for water reuse COM(2018)0337 - 2018/0169(COD) PECH/8/13286 | TBC | COD | TBC | ENVI (TBC) |
| Reduction of the impact of certain plastic products on the environment COM(2018)0340 - 2018/0172(COD) PECH/8/13274 | TBC | COD | 24/9/2018 | ENVI (10/10/2018) |
| Oral questions / resolutions | Rapporteur | Comments | | |
| Snow crab PECH/8/12350 | | Adoption July Plenary Rule 132(2) | | |

**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:

- *Training of fishers*
- *Landing obligation and choke species in mixed fisheries*
- *Seafood industry integration in the EU (part 2)*
- *Implementation and impact of the key European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF) measures on the CFP*
- *The European eel: reproductive biology, migration and sustainable management*
- *The discard ban and the landing obligation in the Western Mediterranean Sea*

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 "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*
- *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

[News - Press service](#)

MEPs confirm opposition on electric pulse fishing (14/6/2018)

The Full House voted down a delegated act that could allow electric pulse fishing activities in some areas in the Channel/North Sea off the Belgian coast on Thursday.

According the MEPs, the proposal for a [delegated regulation](#) on conservation measures for the protection of the marine environment in the North Sea would be in clear contradiction with the [Parliament mandate](#) adopted on 16 January 2018, which proposed to ban electric pulse fishing.

Even if presented last March by the Commission, the delegated act was drafted in February 2017, meaning before the approval of Plenary mandate. For the sake of consistency, a reasoned motion for resolution for its rejection was discussed by Fisheries MEPs in May and adopted during an extraordinary meeting in Strasbourg on Monday.

Plenary put the resolution on the agenda on Thursday, before the 2 July 2018 rejection deadline, and voted down the delegated act by 484 votes to 77, with 15 abstentions.

Recreational fisheries: improved data and reporting is needed (15/5/2018)

The need to improve data collection and reporting of catches connected with recreational fisheries was stressed in a non-binding resolution adopted on Tuesday.

Recreational fisheries is increasing in most European countries, representing an important activity with societal, economic, employment and environmental effects,

notably, the significant impact on fish resources, say Fisheries MEPs.

Data collection and reporting

MEPs urge the Commission to evaluate and, if necessary, expand data collection for recreational fisheries to encompass more fish stocks and other marine organisms and propose a proper definition of recreational fisheries which would improve the quality of the data. Improved reporting and monitoring of catches connected with recreational fisheries is also needed, they add.

Include in multiannual management plans, when needed

Where recreational catches have a significant impact on the stock they should be included as an integral part in the ecosystem, social and economic considerations of the multiannual management plans, both for setting fishing opportunities and for the adoption of relevant technical measures, says the text.

MEPs call therefore on the Commission to include recreational fishing in the multiannual management plans already adopted or about to be adopted, when needed.

The non-legislative resolution drafted by Norica Nicolai (ALDE, RO) was adopted by 21 votes to 2 with no abstentions. It will be put to the plenary vote in June session (tbc).

Imported and EU fisheries products should be treated equally (30/5/2018)

- Fairer competition within the common market for fish produce
- Boosting higher quality standards also in non-EU countries
- Proposing a label that clearly indicates EU's fishery products

All imported fisheries products should meet the high standards imposed by EU law, MEPs stress in a non-binding resolution adopted on Wednesday.

The EU Commission needs to ensure that fisheries and aquaculture products from non-EU countries comply with EU conservation, management standards and hygiene requirements by implementing control measures more efficiently, say MEPs in a non-legislative resolution adopted by 590 votes to 52 with 41 abstentions.

They also call on the EU Commission and the member states to intensify their efforts to ensure that existing EU legislation is more consistently implemented and applied at all stages of the supply chain.

Furthermore, MEPs urges the Commission to examine the possibility of creating a label to identify the EU's fishery products.

Sustainable North Sea fisheries: green light to the new multiannual plan (29/5/2018)

- Clearer rules on how EU ministers set Total Allowable Catches (TACs) and quotas
- Quotas based on best available scientific advice
- Improve cooperation among member states

A new EU multiannual plan to prevent overfishing of demersal species and thus offer North Sea fishing communities more security was approved by MEPs on Tuesday.

The second multiannual fisheries plan under the new Common Fisheries Policy (CFP) - approved by 520 votes to 131, with 9 abstentions - will regulate the management of fishing for demersal species (those living near the bottom of the sea), which account for 70% of catches in the [North Sea \(zones IIa, IIIa and IV\)](#).

The complexity of North Sea mixed fisheries makes it impossible to target and catch only

one species and the plan is tailored to reflect this, partly by covering different stocks. The long-term sustainable exploitation of these stocks should guarantee the security of fishing stocks and the livelihoods of fishing communities.

The new rules will:

- set the ranges (minimum-maximum) within which EU ministers can set the yearly Total Allowable Catches (TACs) and quotas,
- allow new scientific evidence to be quickly taken on board when fixing the quotas,
- suspend and/or reduce fishing for one particular stock when scientific advice indicates a stock is in danger, and
- base all measures on the "best available scientific advice".

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

News - Press service

EU budget: Commission proposes a new fund (EMFF) to invest in the maritime economy and support fishing communities (12/6/2018)

For the next long-term EU budget 2021-2027, the Commission is proposing €6.14 billion under a simpler, more flexible fund for European fisheries and the maritime economy.

The new European Maritime and Fisheries Fund will continue to support the European fisheries sector towards more sustainable fishing practices, with a particular focus on supporting small-scale fishermen. It will also help unleash the growth potential of a sustainable blue economy towards a more prosperous future for coastal communities. For the first time, it will contribute to strengthening international ocean governance for safer, cleaner, more secure, and sustainably managed seas and oceans. Finally, the Commission is reinforcing the environmental impact of the Fund with a focus on protecting marine ecosystems and an

expected contribution of 30% of its budget to climate change mitigation and adaptation, in line with the commitments agreed under the Paris Agreement.

Commission sets direction for sustainable fisheries and launches consultations on the 2019 fishing opportunities

(11/6/2018)

The European Commission has taken stock of the implementation of EU's Common Fisheries Policy and launched the process of agreeing fishing opportunities for 2019.

The Communication reaffirms the Commission's commitment to promoting fisheries that are both environmentally sustainable and economically viable. The Communication is now open for [consultation](#) and comments from the public.

The EU's Common Fisheries Policy sets the objective of reaching maximum sustainable yield (MSY) as soon as possible and by 2020 at the latest. MSY contributes to the sustainable conservation of the stocks and allows for maximisation of fish supply from fishing. This in turn contributes to securing a profitable EU fishing industry and thriving coastal areas for the future and to achieving good environmental status in European seas by 2020. Recent years have seen significant progress towards the CFP objectives, notably in northern and western waters, where overfishing has decreased considerably, whilst biomass has increased and in 2016 on average was nearly 39% above 2003 levels.

Create your own marine and coastal maps with the new European Atlas of the Seas!

(11/6/2018)

A new version of the [European Atlas of the Seas](#) is now available.

The Atlas hosts a wealth of information about Europe's marine environment, covering topics such as nature, tourism, security, energy,

passenger transport, sea bottom, sea level rise, fish consumption, and much more.

With the new release, users can benefit from an enriched catalogue with more than 120 additional layers to explore, collate and create their own maps. Print, share or embed the maps in your articles and presentations!

The Atlas is the ideal tool for schools, researchers and professionals, or anyone wishing to enhance their knowledge or improve their products and services. Currently available in four languages (EN, FR, DE & ES), the Atlas will soon be available in all official languages of the European Union.

Black Sea countries pledge to promote sustainable fisheries and aquaculture

(7/06/2018)

Following months of discussions, the European Commission and the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM) have secured a 10-year pledge to rebuild the Black Sea fish stocks, protect the region's ecological and economic wealth and boost the development of sustainable Black Sea aquaculture.

The successful Ministerial Conference co-organised by the GFCM and the Bulgarian Presidency of the EU Council resulted in an historic joint political declaration

The Sofia Declaration was signed by Black Sea ministerial representatives, along the Black Sea coastline and beyond covering both riparian States but also non-riparian States with interest in aquaculture: Bulgaria, Romania, Georgia, Moldova, Turkey, together with the European Commission.

The Declaration is a practical example of the EU's strong efforts to promote sustainable fisheries through its neighbourhood policy and multilateral cooperation. It sets out a detailed multilateral cooperation. It sets out a detailed work plan for the next 10 years, based on joint actions with ambitious but coherent and realistic targets.

The declaration is the follow-up of the Bucharest Declaration from October 2016, transforming commitments into concrete actions with measurable deliverables on fighting illegal unreported and unregulated fishing (IUU), improve data collection and science, improve fisheries management and boost sustainable development of aquaculture.

It is the result of a European Commission strategy to establish a new dynamic in multilateral fisheries governance in the Black Sea through work done by the GFCM, on the basis of commonly agreed principles established in the GFCM mid-term strategy 2017-2020.

New proposal wil tackle marine litter and “ghost fishing” (28/5/2018)

The European Commission has tabled an important legal proposal to tackle marine litter. By introducing new measures on single use plastics as well as derelict fishing gear, the proposal will contribute to Europe’s transition towards a Circular Economy.

Fishing gear (nets, lines, pots, traps...) accounts for 27% of all beach litter. With its proposal, the Commission will encourage all actors involved to get a maximum of derelict gear back to shore and include it in the waste and recycling streams. In particular, producers of plastic fishing gear will be required to cover the costs of waste collection from port reception facilities and its transport and treatment. They will also cover the costs of awareness-raising measures.

This new measure builds on existing rules such as the Marine Strategy Framework Directive and complements other actions taken against marine pollution, such as under the Port Reception Facilities Directive.

The proposal will now go to the European Parliament and Council for adoption.

Common Fisheries Policy: Commission proposes new rules to step up enforcement (30/5/2018)

The European Commission is proposing improvements to modernise and simplify the way in which fishing rules are monitored and complied with in the EU.

An effective control system is key to ensuring that the EU's fisheries are sustainably managed, which in turn guarantees the long-term viability of the EU fishing sector and protects the livelihoods of our fishermen.

COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

**Next meeting of the
[Agriculture and Fisheries Council](#)
16/07/2018**

TOTAL ALLOWABLE CATCHES

For the 2018 EU total allowable catches in the Atlantic and North Sea, you can consult the [Council website](#).

| 2018 EU TOTAL ALLOWABLE CATCHES (TACs) IN THE BALTIC SEA | | | | | | |
|--|---|---------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------------|-----------|
| | | COMMISSION proposal | | | COUNCIL agreement | |
| Name | ICES FISHING ZONES | TACs 2017 | 2018 | 2018 | TACs 2018 | variation |
| Latin name | | 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 français/ 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 |
|--------|---------------|---------------|---|
| NS AC | 19-20/6/2018 | London | ExCom + GA |
| ICES | 26-30/6/2018 | Lisbon | WG on Southern Horse Mackerel, Anchovy, Sardine |
| BSAC | 28/6/2018 | Axelborg | ExCom |
| SWW AC | 3/7/2018 | Nantes | GA |
| NWW AC | 3-4/7/2018 | Ghent | NWW AC meetings |
| PEL AC | 5/7/2018 | Axelborg | WG1+2 |
| PEL AC | 6/7/2018 | Axelborg | ExCom |
| NS AC | 11/7/2018 | Edinburgh | Demersal WG |
| ICES | 28/8-3/9/2018 | Faroe Islands | WG on widely distributed stocks |
| ICES | 5-12/9/2018 | Krakow | Joint WG with EIFAAC and GFCM on eels(|
| NWW AC | 13-14/9/2018 | Dublin | NWW AC meetings |
| NS AC | 2/10/2018 | Gothenburg | Skagerrak and Kattegat WG |
| BSAC | 6/11/2018 | tbc | ExCom |
| BSAC | 29/1/2019 | 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 |
|-----------------------|------------------|--|----------|
| June 2018 | | | |
| 19-20 Jun | EU-Norway | Workshop on MCS of Joint Stocks | Norway |
| September 2018 | | | |
| 4-6 Sep | EU-Norway | Consultations on Technical Measures in Skagerrak | Göteborg |
| 11-12 Sep | NEAFC | Ad hoc WG on ERS | London |
| 11-13 Sep | Coastal States | WG on MSC | tbc |
| 25-27 Sep | NEAFC | PECMAC | London |
| 28 Sep | NEAFC | WG Statistics | London |
| October 2018 | | | |
| Oct | Coastal States | Coastal States annual consultations | London |
| 2-3 Oct | NEAFC | PECMAS | London |
| November 2018 | | | |
| 13-16 Nov | NEAFC | Annual meeting | London |
| 26-30 Nov | EU-Norway | Consultation on fisheries arrangements for 2019 | Bergen |
| December 2018 | | | |
| 10-12 Dec | EU-Faroe Islands | Consultation on fisheries arrangements for 2019 | Brussels |

REGIONAL FISHERIES ORGANISATIONS AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS

| Date | Organisation | Type of meeting | Venue |
|-----------------------|---------------|---|------------------|
| June 2018 | | | |
| 18-22 Jun | UN | 19th informal consultative process on oceans and law of the sea | New York |
| 21-29 Jun | SIOFA | CoC + Annual meeting | Phuket, Thailand |
| July 2018 | | | |
| 3-5 Jul | NPFC | Annual meeting | Japan |
| 4-5 Jul | JBSFC | Annual meeting | Russia |
| 5-6 Jul | FAO | PSMA Part 6 WG meeting | Rome |
| 9-13 Jul | FAO-COFI | Committee on fisheries 33rd session | Rome |
| 16-20 Jul | ICCAT | Stock assessment BET | Pasaja |
| 16-20 Jul | ISA | Council meeting | Kingston |
| 16-30 Jul/Aug (tbc) | IATTC/AIDCP | Annual meeting | Rome |
| 23-25 Jul | ICCAT | Inter-sessional meeting PA1 | Bilbao |
| 23-27 Jul | ISA | Assembly | Kingston |
| August 2018 | | | |
| 13-17 Aug | NAFO | WG RBMS EAAF | London |
| 16-30 Aug | IATTC / AIDCP | Annual meetings | Guatemala |
| September 2018 | | | |
| 4-17 Sep | UN | 2nd meeting BBNJ | New York |

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| | | Intergovernmental conference | |
| 17-21 Sep | NAFO | Annual meeting | Tallinn |
| 18-19 Sep | ICCAT | Port inspection expert group for capacity and assistance | Madrid |
| 20-21 Sep | ICCAT | Meeting of the online reporting technology working group | Madrid |
| 24-28 Sep | ICCAT | SCRS species working group | Madrid |
| 25-26 Sep | GFCM | High level conference on small scale fisheries | Malta |
| 26 Sep - 3 Oct | | WCPFC TCC + FADs WG | Majuro |
| October 2018 | | | |
| 1-4 Oct | UN | First round: informal consultations on UNGA resolution on "Oceans and the law of the sea" | New York |
| 1-5 Oct | ICCAT | SCRS Plenary | Madrid |
| 11-18 Oct | CCSBT | Compliance committee and annual meeting | Noumea, New Caledonia |
| 22 Oct - 2 Nov | CCAMLR | Annual meeting | Hobart, Australia |
| 22-26 Oct | GFCM | Annual meeting | Rome |
| 29-30 Oct | Our Ocean | 5th Our Ocean Conference | Bali |
| tbc | AIDCP | 2nd Annual meeting | La Jolla, USA |
| November 2018 | | | |
| 1-2 Nov | Arctic Council | Senior Arctic officials meeting | Rovaniemi |
| 6-13 Nov | UN | Informal consultations on UNGA resolution on "sustainable fisheries" | New York |
| 10-11 Nov | ICCAT | Intersessional meeting compliance committee | Croatia |
| 12-19 Nov | ICCAT | Annual meeting | Croatia |
| 14-20 Nov | UN | Second round: informal consultations on UNGA resolution on "oceans and the law of the sea" | New York |
| 19-21 Nov | OECD | 122nd COFI meeting | Paris |
| 26-30 Nov | SEAFO | Annual meeting | Namibia |
| December 2018 | | | |
| 3-7 | Sharks MoU | Tri-annual meeting | Monaco |
| 3-7 | Western & Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) | Annual meeting | Pohnpei, FSM |
| 10-14 | GFCM | Fisheries forum | Rome |

FISHERIES PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENTS

| COUNTRY | | EXPIRATION DATE OF CURRENT PROTOCOL | NEXT JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING (JCM) (2018-2019) | | NEGOTIATIONS SESSIONS FORECAST 2018 | | LEGAL PROCESS | | |
|------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|--|------------|-------------------------------------|----------|--|--|---|
| | | | 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 | Sept/ Oct | Nouakchott | | | | | |
| | Morocco | 14 July 2018 | tbc | Rabat | 11-15 June 2018 | RABAT | 21/3/2018 | 13/04/2018 | tbc (depends on the outcome of negotiations) |
| | Senegal | 19/11/2019 | September | Brussels | - | - | - | - | - |
| | Guinea Bissau | Dormant since Nov 2017 | | | tbc | tbc | | tbc (depends on the outcome of negotiations) | tbc (depends on the outcome of negotiations) |
| | Greenland | 31 December 2020 | 11-13 July 2018 | Nuuk | | | | | |
| WEST AFRICA | Cape-Verde | 22 December 2018 | | Cap Verde | 9-10 July 2018 | Brussels | March 2018 | April 2018 | tbc (depends on the outcome of negotiations) |
| | Côte d'Ivoire | 30 June 2018 | Oct - Nov 2018 | Abidjan | | | | | July 2018 |
| | Gabon | Dormant since July 2016 | | | | | | | |
| | Ghana | No Agreement/Protocol | | | 2d half 2018 | tbc | | | tbc (depends on the outcome of negotiations) |
| | Liberia | 8 December 2020 | 4-6 July 2018 | Monrovia | | | | | Signed on 09/12/2016 |
| | Equatorial Guinea | N.A. | | | | | | | |
| | São Tomé and Príncipe | 23 May 2018 | | | June / July | Brussels | | | 2nd half 2018 |

| COUNTRY | | EXPIRATION DATE OF CURRENT PROTOCOL | NEXT JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING (JCM) (2018-2019) | | NEGOTIATIONS SESSIONS FORECAST 2018 | | LEGAL PROCESS | | |
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| INDIAN OCEAN | Comoros | <i>Dormant since December 2016</i> | | | | | | | |
| | Madagascar | <i>31 December 2018</i> | July 2018 (tbc) | Antananarivo | July / Sept 2018 | alternate | tbc (depends on the outcome of negotiations) | Apr-18 | tbc (depends on the outcome of negotiations) |
| | Mauritius | | | tbc | | | | | |
| | Mozambique | <i>No protocol in force</i> | | | tbc | tbc | | | |
| | Seychelles | <i>17 January 2020</i> | Feb-19 | Seychelles | | | | | |
| | Mayotte (Access agreement) | <i>19 May 2020</i> | | | | | / | / | |
| | Tanzania | <i>No Agreement/Protocol</i> | | | tbc | tbc | | Adopted on 16 June 2015 | Depends on the timing and number of negotiation rounds |
| | Kenya | <i>No Agreement/ Protocol</i> | | | tbc | tbc | | | |
| PACIFIC | Cook Islands | <i>13 October 2020</i> | Dec-18 | tbc | | | | | |
| | Kiribati | | | | Summer 2018 | tbc | | | |

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NEXT FISHERIES COMMITTEE MEETINGS

2018

- Wednesday, 11 July, 9:00-12:30
- Wednesday, 11 July, 14:30-18:30
- Thursday, 12 July, 9:00-12:30
- Wednesday, 29 August, 14:30-18:30
- Monday, 24 September, 15:00-18:30
- Monday, 8 October, 15:00-18:30
- Tuesday, 9 October, 9:00-12:30
- Tuesday, 9 October, 14:30-18:30
- Wednesday, 21 November, 14:30-18:30
- Thursday, 22 November, 9:00-12:30
- Tuesday, 27 November, 9:00-12:30

USEFUL LINKS

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