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TOP NEWS – APRIL 2018

COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES

Tuesday 24 April 2018, 9.00 - 12.30 and 14.30 - 18.30

in Brussels, Room ASP 1G-2

HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Final adoption of the text (as agreed in trilogue negotiations) on the “Management, conservation and control measures applicable in the Convention Area of the South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation (SPRFMO)”;
- ▶ Adoption of two own-initiative reports on “Optimisation of the value chain in the EU fishing sector” and “Implementation of control measures for establishing the conformity of fisheries products with access criteria to the EU market”;
- ▶ ‘In camera’ update with the Commission on the ongoing cases regarding Illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing and non-cooperating countries”

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Agenda

Next Fisheries Committee meeting:

14-15 May 2018

Next public hearing:

“Implementation of the EMFF: achievements since 2014 and perspectives after 2020”

20 June 2018

WORDS FROM THE CHAIR



Alain CADEC
Chair of Committee on Fisheries

Dear Colleagues,

Dear Friends,

Our meeting of the Committee on Fisheries will take place this month on Tuesday 24 April. Many topics will be discussed and we will vote on some important texts for the fisheries sector and for the conservation of fisheries resources.

We will also have a first exchange of views on the proposal for a multiannual management plan for demersal stocks in the Western Waters (in the Atlantic). This is the fifth management plan proposed by the European Commission since the reform of the Common Fisheries Policy. I wish to point out that such multiannual plans are important tools to manage our fisheries, by setting sea-basin management approaches based on scientific advice, and by offering long-term predictability.

Our Committee on Fisheries has already adopted two of these plans: one for the Baltic Sea and one for the North Sea. Two other plans, for the Adriatic Sea and for the western Mediterranean Sea, are under discussion. We have already, on several occasions, debated and taken position on the structure of such management plans. The Western Waters Plan proposal covers several demersal stocks in different areas and concerns fisheries in several Member States, particularly Belgium, Germany, France, Ireland, Spain, Portugal and the United Kingdom. The Brexit will therefore also have to be taken into due consideration when developing this plan.

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	20-21/6/2018	JUL 2018 (TBC)
Fishing mortality ranges and safeguard levels for certain herring stocks in the Baltic COM(2017)0774 - C8-0446/2017 2017/0348(COD) PECH/8/11872	Cadec	COD	TBC	JUN 2018
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	TBC	MAR 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 - 2018/0074 (COD) PECH/8/12613	TBC	COD	TBC	TBC
Fishing in the GFCM (General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean) Agreement area COM(2018)0143 - 2018/0069 (COD) C8 - 0123/2018 PECH/8/12617	TBC	COD	TBC	TBC
NLE Reports	Rapporteur	Type of procedure	PECH Committee vote	Plenary Session vote
Reports adopted in PECH awaiting 1st/2nd reading agreements	Rapporteur	Type of procedure	PECH Committee vote	Plenary Session Vote
Multi-annual plan for demersal stocks in the North sea and the fisheries exploiting those stocks COM(2016)0493 - 2016/0238(COD) PECH/8/07563	Rodust	COD	Trilogue agreement concluded in Dec.17 Vote in PECH: 21-22/3/2018	SEP 2017 MAY II 2018
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
Management, conservation and control measures applicable in the Convention Area of the South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation (SPRFMO) COM(2017) 128 final - 2017/0056 (COD) PECH/8/09619	Engström	COD	24/04/2018	JAN 2018

INI Reports	Rapporteur	Type of procedure	PECH Committee vote	Plenary Session vote
Towards sustainable and competitive European Aquaculture sector: current status and future challenges 2017/2118 (INI) PECH/8/10355	Iturgaiz	INI	15/5/2018	JUN 2018
Optimisation of the value chain in the fishing sector 2017/2119 (INI) PECH/8/10357	Aguilera García	INI	24/4/2018	MAY II 2018
State of play of recreational fisheries in the EU 2017/2120 (INI) PECH/8/10358	Nicolai	INI	15/5/2018	JUN 2018 (TBC)
Measures for establishing the conformity of fisheries products with access criteria to the EU market (<i>Implementation report</i>) COM(2017)0192 - 2017/2129 (INI) PECH/8/10379	Engström	INI	24/4/2018	JUN 2018
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	TBC	INTA (TBC)
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
Oral questions / resolutions	Rapporteur	Comments		
Snow crab PECH/8/12350		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

DELEGATED AND IMPLEMENTING ACTS

Procedure	Legal basis	Delegated act	Deadline to object / request an extension
C(2018)1194	Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013, Article 11(2) and Article 18(1) and (3)	Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) .../... of 2.3.2018 amending Delegated Regulation (EU) 2017/118 establishing fisheries conservation measures for the protection of the marine environment in the North Sea	2.7.2018 (Received on 2.3.2018, extension of 2 months requested)

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 "Almadra" sector. Traditional and sustainable tuna fishing methods in the EU*
- *Small scale fisheries and the zero discard target*
- *Best practice on the use of rights based management to reduce discards in mixed fisheries*
- *Infringement procedures and imposed sanctions throughout the EU*
- *Criteria for allocating access to fishing in the EU*
- *Alternative solutions for driftnet fisheries*
- *The conflict between static gear and mobile gear in inshore fisheries*
- *Inland fisheries and the CFP*
- *IUU fishing and sanctions in the EU*
- *Integration in the fisheries industry*
- *Regional ocean governance in Europe: the role of fisheries*
- *Sustainable 'blue growth' in the EU and opportunities for small-scale fisheries*
- *Feasibility of measuring socio-economic and environmental impacts of recreational and semi subsistence fisheries in the EU*
- *Regional ocean governance*
- *Recreational and semi subsistence fishing - its values and its impact on fish stocks and the environment*

Ecologic Impact

- *Sardine fisheries: resource assessment and social and economic situation*
- *Long-term economic and ecologic impact of larger sustainable aquaculture*
- *The impact of oil and gas drilling accidents on EU fisheries*
- *The use of FADs in tuna fisheries*

Stocks

- *Situation of the clam (*Tapes spp*) fisheries sector in the EU*
- *Pelagic fisheries and the canning industry in Outermost Regions*
- *Sea bass stocks and conservation measures in the EU*
- *Characteristics of multi-specific fisheries in the EU*
- *Scientific Advice in Fisheries Management - Introduction to Stock Assessment and Maximum Sustainable Yield Ranges*
- *The management of the fishing fleets in the outermost regions*

Structural Policy and economics

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

External dimension

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

Mission briefings

- *Fisheries in Madeira (mission 2017)*
- *Fisheries in Thailand (mission 2016)*
- *Fisheries in Norway (mission 2016)*
- *Fisheries in Poland (mission 2016)*
- *Fisheries in Galicia (mission 2016)*
- *Fisheries in Azores / Réunion (missions 2015)*
- *Fisheries in Germany (delegation 2014)*

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FISHERIES NEWS IN BRIEF

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

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MEPs approve new EU Mauritius fisheries protocol (17/4/2018)

The new four-year-deal provides fishing opportunities for 40 tuna seiners and 45 surface long-liners, and a maximum of 20 supply vessels to assist the EU fishing vessels.

The new Protocol between the EU and the Republic of Mauritius was initialled on 26 April 2017 covering a period of four years. It provides fishing opportunities for 40 tuna seiners and 45 surface long-liners, as well as a maximum of 20 supply vessels to assist the operations of the EU fishing vessels.

The four-year-deal was approved by 618 votes to 49 with 15 abstentions.

The total financial contribution is of EUR 2 300 000 for the entire period (2017-2021) and is divided as follows:

- a reference tonnage of 4 000 tonnes, for which an annual amount linked to access has been set at EUR 220 000;
- support for development of the sectorial fisheries policy of the Republic of Mauritius, amounting to EUR 220 000 annually; and
- support for the development of maritime policy and ocean economy, amounting to EUR 135 000 annually.

The fishing opportunities established under the Protocol are allocated among member states as follows:

Tuna seiners: Spain (22 vessels), France (16 vessels) and Italy (2 vessels)

Surface long-liners: Spain (12 vessels), France (29 vessels) and Portugal (4 vessels)

EP delegation expresses appreciation of the EU-Mauritania Fisheries Partnership (10/4/2018)

A Fisheries Committee delegation visited Nouakchott and Nouadhibou ahead of the renewal of the Protocol of the EU-Mauritania Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement, due to expire in November 2019.

The four-members delegation headed by the Committee's first Vice-Chair Linnéa Engström (Greens/EFA, SV) with Francisco José Millán Mon (EPP, ES), Richard Corbett (S&D, UK) and Izaskun Bilbao Barandica (ALDE, ES) held a number of high-level meetings with government ministers, parliamentarians and representatives of the Mauritanian authorities who welcomed the EP delegation and presented the progress made in the implementation of the Fisheries Agreement - the most important bilateral fisheries agreement for the EU.

MEPs expressed their appreciation for the open and constructive dialogue held with their Mauritanian counterparts. Many significant improvements in the fisheries legislation of Mauritania have improved the application of the Protocol, including the implementation of the sectorial support, they said.

They raised some concerns regarding the transparency of the fishing activities in the country's fishing zone, stressing the need to increase the transparency of data collection and information on all fleets operating in Mauritanian waters. They welcomed the country's commitment to the FiTI initiative (Fisheries Transparency Initiative).

The delegation expressed also concerns about the significant amount of small pelagic species used for fish meals and oil, something which leads to significant losses for the Mauritanian economy and could potentially lead to an over-exploitation of the stocks. MEPs welcomed the Mauritanian authorities' statement that they are tackling the issue.

MEPs raised the issue of climate change, and were told that there is already some impact on the fish stocks observed.

The members of the delegation met representatives and, in particular several women working in the value chain of the fisheries industry. These representatives expressed their gratitude for the support they have received for their projects.

MEPs reiterated the strategic significance of the continuation of the fisheries partnership agreement for both parties. "For Mauritania and the EU it is of paramount importance to continue with this open and constructive dialogue in order to successfully address the improvement of the future Fisheries Agreement and, at the same time, address the global challenges posed by illegal fishing", they said.

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

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EU strengthens fisheries conservation and control in the Mediterranean and the Black Sea (22/03/2018)

The Commission has proposed to transpose a number of measures previously agreed at international level into EU law.

The measures adopted in the framework of *General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean* (GFCM) cover, *inter alia*, a joint inspection and surveillance scheme for the Strait of Sicily and management plans for Turbot in the Black sea, Red coral in the Mediterranean and Blackspot seabream in the Alboran Sea. The measures also set out new fishing restricted areas in the Adriatic Sea and the Strait of Sicily.

Background

The *General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean* is a regional fisheries organisation (RFMO) with 23 member countries along with the European Union, which has the authority to adopt binding

recommendations for fisheries conservation and management in the Mediterranean and the Black sea and connecting waters.

New EU plan to promote sustainable fisheries in western waters (23/03/2018)

Today the European Commission proposed a multi-annual plan for fish stocks in the western waters, concerning the fleet of Belgium, Germany, France, Ireland, Spain, Portugal and the UK in the Atlantic Ocean. The proposal aims at restoring and maintaining stocks at sustainable levels, while ensuring social and economic viability for the fishermen operating in the region.

The plan covers demersal fish stocks, i.e. fish that live and feed at the bottom of the seabed. These species bring a significant income to the fisheries sector. In 2018, the fishing opportunities for western waters are set at more than 400 000 tonnes under the EU's Common Fisheries Policy.

Thanks to joint EU efforts over recent years, many of the fish stocks in western waters are already today fished sustainably. For these stocks, the multi-annual plan will enable regional management organisations to recommend measures tailored to their particular fisheries, thus underpinning continued sustainability. For other stocks, the plan will support recovery to ensure that even more stocks will be sustainably fished in the coming years.

The main elements of the proposal include:

- Simplifying fisheries management under one main regulatory framework, and repealing current plans in place for sole in the Western channel and Bay of Biscay, northern hake and southern hake and Iberian *Nephrops*.
- while fully respecting the 2020 objective of Fmsy the plan will allow a certain flexibility in setting the fishing opportunities, where such a flexibility is needed in order to manage for example mixed fisheries. This flexibility, known as 'ranges of Fmsy', is proposed as the management method for the most commercially important demersal stocks - the target stocks: e.g. northern and southern hake,

cod, haddock and whiting in the Celtic Sea, sole in the Bay of Biscay

- Following the precautionary approach for bycatch stocks, taking into account mixed fisheries

- Allowing provisions for the landing obligation and technical conservation measures to be put forward by the South Western Waters Advisory Council and the South Western Waters MS Group for their particular fisheries as well as by the North Western Waters Advisory Council and the North Western Waters MS Group for the fisheries that concern them most

Today's proposal will facilitate the achievement of the twin objectives of the Common fisheries policy: of reaching Fmsy in 2020 and the full implementation of the landing obligation by 2019.

The Commission's proposal is now submitted for discussion to the European Parliament and the Council of the EU.

Background

Today's multi-annual plan is the fifth proposal adopted in line with the EU's Common Fisheries Policy (CFP), after the Baltic Sea, North Sea, Adriatic Sea and Western Mediterranean. Under the CFP, multi-annual plans should contribute to achieving fishing at sustainable levels. They should also contain measures to implement the landing obligation, technical measures, as well as safeguards for remedial action where needed.

The Western Waters plan covers fisheries for demersal species from the north and west of Scotland over the Gulf of Cadiz down to Madeira in the South. According to the Annual Economic Report (AER) of 2016^[1] more than 48 000 fishermen, and 18 000 vessels are active in western waters, including both the demersal and the pelagic sector.

The proposal has been subject to a thorough impact assessment and is based on the best available scientific advice from the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES). The North Western and South Western Waters Advisory Councils and all other stakeholders were extensively consulted through a 4-month public consultation in 2015. 28 responses were received in total.

Withdrawal of the United Kingdom and EU rules on fisheries and aquaculture (09/04/2018)

[Withdrawal of the United Kingdom and EU rules on fisheries and aquaculture EN \(42.4 KB - PDF\)](#)

COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

**Next meeting of the
[Agriculture and Fisheries Council](#)
18-19/06/2018**

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
ICES AC	26-28/4/2018	Turku	WG on Baltic salmon and trout
BSAC	8-9/5/2018	Copenhagen	ExCom + GA
N SAC	31/5/2018	Copenhagen	Skagerrak and Kattegat WG
BSAC	11-12/6/2018	tbc	WG meetings
NS AC	19-20/6/2018	London	ExCom + GA
ICES AC	26/4-3/5/2018	Copenhagen	North Western WG
ICES AC	28/5-1/6/2018	Oban / UK	WG on social and economic dimensions of aquaculture
BSAC	28/6/2018	tbc	ExCom
SWW AC	3/7/2018	Nantes	GA
NWW AC	3-4/7/2018	Ghent	NWW AC meetings
PEL AC	5/7/2018	tbc	WG1+2
PEL AC	6/7/2018	tbc	ExCom
NS AC	11/7/2018	Edinburgh	Demersal WG
NWW AC	13-14/9/2018	Dublin	NWW AC meetings
BSAC	6 or 13/11/2018		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
April 2018			
24-25 Apr	EU-Norway	Consultations on Pandalus in Skagerrak	Skagen, Denmark
24-26 Apr	NEAFC	PECMAC	London
26 Apr	EU-Norway	WG on Technical Measures in Skagerrak	Skagen, Denmark
May 2018			
7-8 May	NEAFC/OSPAR	Collective arrangements 2018	London
14-15 May (tbc)	Coastal States	Coastal States consultations on Atlanto-Scandian Herring	London
15-16 May	NEAFC	VME and continental shelf WG meeting	London
23-24 May	EU-Norway	WG on Technical Measures in Skagerrak	Gothenburg
June 2018			
5-6 Jun	NEAFC	Ad hoc WG on ERS	London
6-7 Jun	EU-Norway	Consultations on long-term management strategies	London
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	Gothenburg
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
May 2018			
2-4 May	OECD	121st COFI meeting	Paris
13-25 May	IOTC	Annual meeting	Thailand
15-16 May	NEAFC	VEMs working group	London
21-23 May	ICCAT	Dialogue scientists managers	tbc

22-23 May	UN	13th round - informal consultations of states parties to the UN fish stocks agreement (ICSP/13)	New York
24-25 May	ICCAT	WG convention amendment	tbc
June 2018			
6-7 Jun	GFCM	High level conference on Black Sea fisheries	Bulgaria
11-14 Jun	UN	28th meeting of state parties	New York
12-15 Jun	NASCO	35th annual meeting	Portland
18-22 Jun	UN	19th informal consultative process on oceans and law of the sea	New York
21-29 Jun	SIOFA	Annual meeting	Thailand
July 2018			
3-5 Jul	NPFC (tbc)	Annual meeting	Japan
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	Pasaia
16-20 Jul	ISA	Council meeting	Kingston
16-30 Jul/Aug (tbc)	IATTC/AIDCP	Annual meeting	Guatemala
23-25 Jul	ICCAT	Inter-sessional meeting PA1	Bilbao
23-27 Jul	ISA	Assembly	Kingston
tbc	JBSFC	Annual meeting	Russia
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 Intergovernmental conference	New York
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
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	Bucharest
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
10-14	GFCM	Fisheries forum	Rome
tbc	Western & Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC)	Annual meeting	Pohnpei, FSM

FISHERIES PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENTS

COUNTRY		EXPIRATION DATE OF CURRENT PROTOCOL	Financial Value	NEXT JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING (JCM) (2017-2018)		NEGOTIATIONS SESSIONS FORECAST 2018		LEGAL PROCESS			COMMENTS
				Date	Location	Date	Location	Estimated date of adoption of proposal for negotiating mandate by the Commission	Estimated date of adoption of negotiating mandate by Council	Estimated date of adoption of Council Decision on signing and provisional application	
Mixed Agreements	Mauritania	15 November 2019	59 125 000 €	Summer 2018	Nouakchott						The Protocol and entered into provisional application on 16/11/2015. The last JCM took place in September 2017.
	Morocco	14 July 2018	30 million €	tbc	Rabat	April (tbc)	RABAT	21/3/2018	13/04/2018	june-july 2018	
	Senegal	19/11/2019	1 738 000 (3rd year)	April 2018 (tbc)	Brussels	-	-	-	-	-	
	Guinea Bissau	Dormant since Nov 2017	9 200 000 EUR			tbc	tbc		tbc (depends on the outcome of negotiations)	tbc (depends on the outcome of negotiations)	The current 3-year Protocol expires 23/11/2017. Negotiations on the new Protocol are ongoing. 4 rounds of negotiations took place, but no final agreement reached. Exchange between parties is ongoing. The 5th round to be fixed.
	Greenland	31 December 2020	16 099 978 €, plus 1 700 000 € financial reserve for additional species.	May 2018 (tbc)	tbc						
WEST AFRICA	Cape-Verde	22 December 2018	550 000 € (years 1+2); 500 000 € (years 3+4)	Apr-18	Cap Verde	15-18 May 2018	Mindelo	Mars 2018	April 2018	01/12/2018	The current 4-year Protocol expires on 22/12/2018. The ex-ante/ ex-post evaluation study has been completed in march. EP recieved the study. Negotiations are expected to start in May 2018.
	Côte d'Ivoire	30 June 2018	680 000 €	END 2018	tbc					2018	Last Joint Committee took place in Abidjan on 30/11 - 2/12/2016. New Protocole Initialled on 16 March.
	Gabon	Dormant since July 2016	1 350 000 €				Libreville				Resuming of negotiation pending political situation.
	Ghana	No Agreement/Protocol				1st half 2018	tbc			Depends on the timing and number of negotiation rounds	The ex-ante evaluation was conducted end of 2016 and mandate adopted on March 2017.
	Liberia	8 December 2020	715 000 € (1st year); 650 000 € (2nd, 3rd and 4th years); 585 000 € (5th year)	Spring 2018	Monrovia					Signed on 09/12/2016	The Protocol was signed and entered into provisional application on 9/12/2015.
	Equatorial Guinea	N.A.	N.A.								The ex-ante evaluation was approved on the end of November 2016.
	São Tomé and Príncipe	23/05/2018	710000 € (675000 en fin d'application)	10-11 January 2018	Brussels	4-6 April	Brussels			May 2018	The current 4-year Protocol expires on 23/05/2018. Negotiations ongoing. 1st round took place in January 2018. The 2nd round is expected in the beginning of April 2018.

COUNTRY	EXPIRATION DATE OF CURRENT PROTOCOL	Financial Value	NEXT JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING (JCM) (2017-2018)		NEGOTIATIONS SESSIONS FORECAST 2018		LEGAL PROCESS			COMMENTS	
			Date	Location	Date	Location	Estimated date of adoption of proposal for negotiating mandate by the Commission	Estimated date of adoption of negotiating mandate by Council	Estimated date of adoption of Council Decision on signing and provisional application		
INDIAN OCEAN	Comoros	<i>Dormant since December 2016</i>	600 000 €								The current Protocol expired at the end of December 2016. Last Joint Committee was in March 2016. A new Protocol was negotiated and initialled in March 2016, but never provisionally entered into force. The country is identified as non-cooperating country on te IUU matters (red card).
	Madagascar	<i>31 December 2018</i>	<i>1 566 250 € (2015 & 2016) 1 487 500 € (2017 & 2018)</i>	END 'April, 2018 (tbc)	Antananarivo	Apr-18	alternate	Apr-18	Apr-18	01/12/2018	The current 4-year Protocol expires on 31/12/2018. The evalation study has been concluded (March 2018) and sent to Council, EP and Madagascar.
	Mauritius		575 000 €		tbc					October 2017	New 4 year protocol signed 8/12/2017 1st JCM held 28/02-01-03 Port Louis
	Mozambique	<i>No protocol in force</i>	980 000 €			tbc	tbc				Negotiations for a new Protocol suspended until further notice to enable further reflection by both Parties to narrow divergences. Last Joint Committee Meeting in February 2016. Possible resuming of negotiation to be confirmed
	Seychelles	<i>17 January 2020</i>	5 350 000 €		SEY						
	Mayotte (Access agreement)	<i>19/05/2020</i>			SEY			/	/		<i>no financial implications for the EU; as access agreement for Seychelles flagged vessels to EU waters</i>
	Tanzania	<i>No Agreement/Protocol</i>				tbc	tbc		Adopted on 16 June 2015	Depends on the timing and number of negotiation rounds	This would be a new agreement. A first technical meeting took place in Dar-Es-Salaam 4-6 July 2016. Tanzania did not officially inform COM (partially due to a complex institutional setting) and information available point to various directions but there seems to be an interest in discussing an SFPA with the EU. Date of first round pending confirmation.
	Kenya	<i>No Agreement/ Protocol</i>				tbc	tbc				This will be a new Agreement. A technical meeting took place 20-21 January 2015. Confirmation of interest by Kenya on 21/03/2016, but date to start negotiation not agreed upon yet.
PACIFIC	Cook Islands	<i>13/10/2020</i>	717 500 €		Brussels						The current 4-year Protocol is in force since 14/10/2016. Currently the only SFPA in the Pacific.
	Kiribati					Spring 18	tbc				No Protocol in force, which expired on 15/09/2015. 3 rounds of negotiations took place,the last November

OVERVIEW OF EXISTING IUU PROCEDURES AS REGARDS THIRD COUNTRIES

Source: DG MARE 16/11/2017

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

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NEXT FISHERIES COMMITTEE MEETINGS

2018

- Monday, 14 May, 15:00-18:30
- Tuesday 15 May, 9:00-12:30
- Wednesday, 20 June, 9:00-12:30
- Wednesday, 20 June, 14:30-18:30
- Thursday, 21 June, 9:00-12:30
- 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](#)