

# The Trawler

## TOP NEWS – AUGUST 2018

### COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES

Monday, 24 September 2018, 15.00 - 18.30

in Brussels, Room PHS 4B 001

### HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Consideration of the draft report on the new “European Maritime and Fisheries Fund”
- ▶ Vote on an opinion on the “Reduction of the impact of certain plastic products on the environment”
- ▶ Consideration of the report establishing a “Multi-annual plan for fisheries exploiting demersal stocks in the Western Mediterranean Sea”
- ▶ Consideration of two reports transposing into EU law recommendations by the GFCM and ICCAT (*inter alia* regarding the Mediterranean swordfish)

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### Agenda

Next Fisheries Committee meeting:

**8 - 9 October 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,

In today's meeting, the Members of the Committee on Fisheries will discuss four important legislative reports, and in particular the report on the future European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF). This file is part of the "Multiannual financial framework" package that will shape the European Union's financial assets and funding power for the 2021-2027 period.

We all know how important the current EMFF (2014-2020) has been - and still is - for European fishermen and coastal communities. It is our key instrument to help fishermen and other stakeholders to adapt to the challenges of the new Common Fisheries Policy and we want it to stay well-funded and even more effective in the future. In fact, many Member States are, for different reasons, still lagging behind in the use of the fund. We want to improve the new EMFF and make sure that its implementing rules will have less "red tape", so as to benefit the fishing sector more quickly.

We will also adopt a legislative opinion on a very important subject: how to reduce the impact of plastic products on the environment? This problem has been attracting a lot of media attention lately, but indeed it is an issue for fisheries policy as well. Plastics and micro plastics pollute our seas, endanger our fish stocks and through the food chain might even end up in our plates. Lost nylon fishing nets can be a threat to turtles and marine mammals and should be recovered. These and other aspects have been carefully assessed. Fishermen play an important role in the global fight against plastic pollution in our oceans. Hopefully, this momentum can be kept up to yield positive results soon.

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 <a href="#">2017/0043(COD)</a> PECH/8/09349	Tomasic	COD	9/10/2018	NOV I
Establishing multi-annual plan for the fisheries exploiting demersal stocks in the Western Mediterranean Sea COM(2018)115 <a href="#">2018/0050(COD)</a> PECH/8/12491	Aguilera	COD	21/11/2018	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 <a href="#">2018/0074 (COD)</a> PECH/8/12613	Cadec	COD	9/10/2018	MAR I 2019
Certain provisions fishing in the GFCM (General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean) Agreement area COM(2018)0143 - C8 - 0123/2018 <a href="#">2018/0069 (COD)</a> PECH/8/12617	Engström	COD	21/11/2018	MAR II or APR 2019 (TBC)
Multiannual recovery plan for Mediterranean swordfish COM(2018)0229 - C8-0162/2018 <a href="#">2018/0109 (COD)</a> PECH/8/12919	Affronte	COD	21/11/2018	MAR II or APR 2019 (TBC)
Fisheries control COM(2018)368 - <a href="#">2018/0193 (COD)</a> PECH/8/13412	Thomas	COD	TBC	TBC
European Maritime and Fisheries Fund COM(2018)0390 - C8-0270/2018 <a href="#">2018/0210(COD)</a> PECH/8/13776	Mato	COD	27/11/2018 (TBC)	TBC
Proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down conservation and control measures applicable in the Regulatory Area of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organisation and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 2115/2005 and Council Regulation (EC) No 1386/2007 COM(2018)0577 - C8-0391/2018 <a href="#">2018/0304(COD)</a> PECH/8/14451	Serrão Santos	COD	TBC	TBC

NLE Reports	Rapporteur	Type of procedure	PECH Committee vote	Plenary Session vote
Proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of the Protocol on the implementation of the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire and the European Community (2018- 2024) COM(2018) 503 final 2018/0267 (NLE)	Ferreira	NLE	TBC	TBC
Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire and the European Community (2018- 2024) 2018/0267 M - resolution		Resolution		
Proposal for a Council decision on the conclusion on behalf of the European Union, of the Agreement to prevent unregulated high seas fisheries in the Central Arctic Ocean COM(2018)0453 - 2018/0239(NLE) PECH/8/13699	Nicolai	NLE	TBC	TBC
Fisheries Partnership Agreement EU-Morocco ( <i>formal referral pending</i> )	Cadec	NLE	TBC	TBC
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 - <a href="#">2016/0074(COD)</a> PECH/8/06008	Mato	COD	21/11/2017	JAN 2018
INI Reports	Rapporteur	Type of procedure	PECH Committee vote	Plenary Session vote
Opinions	Rapporteur	Type of procedure	PECH Committee vote	Vote Lead Committee
Budget 2019 <a href="#">2018/2046(BUD)</a> PECH/8/12657	Cadec	BUD	29/8/2018	BUDG 8/10/2018
Port reception facilities for the delivery of waste from ships COM(2018)0033 - <a href="#">2018/0012(COD)</a> C8-0014/2018 PECH/8/12558	Monteiro De Aguiar	COD	11/7/2018	TRAN 9/10/2018
Reduction of the impact of certain plastic products on the environment COM(2018)0340 - <a href="#">2018/0172(COD)</a> PECH/8/13274	Briano	COD	24/9/2018	ENVI 10/10/2018
Transparency and sustainability of the EU risk assessment in the food chain COM(2018) 179 final - <a href="#">2018/0088(COD)</a> PECH/8/12787	Serrão Santos	COD	9/10/2018	ENVI 8/11/2018

Discharge 2017: European Fisheries Control Agency (EFCA) COM(2018)0521 - C8-0348/2018 <a href="#">2018/2197(DEC)</a> PECH/8/14313	Blanco Lopez	DEC	23/1/2019	CONT 20/2/2019
Discharge 2017: General budget of the EU - European Commission COM(2018)0521 - C8-0318/2018 <a href="#">2018/2166(DEC)</a> PECH/8/14096	Cadec	DEC	23/1/2019	CONT 20/2/2019
<a href="#">Multiannual financial framework for the years 2021 to 2027</a> COM(2018)0322 - 2018/0166(APP) PECH/8/13200	TBC	COD	tbc	BUDG (TBC)
<a href="#">Common Provisions Regulation</a> COM(2018)0375 - 2018/0196(COD) PECH/8/13506	TBC	COD	tbc	REGI 21/11/2018
Oral questions / resolutions	Rapporteur	Comments		
Snow crab PECH/8/12350		Adoption requested for October I Plenary Rule 132(2) with motion for a resolution		
Fish welfare PECH/8/12562		Adoption requested for October I Plenary without motion for a resolution		

*\*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:

- **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**
- **Seafood industry integration in the EU (part 2)**

## PUBLISHED (SINCE 2016):

### **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*
- *Regional ocean governance in Europe: the role of fisheries*
- *Marine Recreational and semi subsistence fishing - its values and its impact on fish stocks*

### **Ecologic Impact**

- *none*

### **Stocks**

- *Situation of the clam (*Tapes spp*) fisheries sector in the EU*

### **Structural Policy and economics**

- *Training of fishers*

### **External dimension**

- *Consequences of Brexit for the Common Fisheries Policy*
  - *Legal framework for governance*
  - *Trade and economic related issues*
  - *Resources and fisheries*

### **Mission briefings**

- *Fisheries in Finland (mission 2018)*
- *Fisheries in Cádiz (mission 2018)*
- *Fisheries in Mauritania (mission 2018)*
- *Fisheries in Japan (mission 2017)*
- *Fisheries in Guadeloupe (mission 2017)*
- *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 (mission 2014)*

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

## FISHERIES NEWS IN BRIEF

### EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

[News - Press service](#)

### EUROPEAN COMMISSION

[News - Press service](#)

#### **Progress towards international agreement to protect biodiversity and promote sustainable fisheries at the high seas (17/9/2018)**

The first round of negotiations on an international law to preserve and sustainably use marine biodiversity at the high seas has ended in New York. The EU, a strong advocate of international ocean governance, was the original proponent of this treaty.

The high seas – or ‘areas beyond national jurisdiction’ as they are officially called – constitute nearly two-thirds of the world ocean and 95 percent of its volume. Falling outside the control of national governments, these vast ocean waters have been victim of the tragedy of the commons: unsustainable fisheries, pollution, waste dumping... With increasing pressure from global economic development and population growth, an international legal instrument under the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) – the ‘constitution for the oceans’ – is more needed than ever.

The first session of the Intergovernmental Conference tasked to elaborate this international agreement, attracted a very high level of participation. More than 170 States, international government organisations, civil society representatives, academia and industry were present, and the atmosphere was constructive.

The negotiations lasted one week and were held around the four elements of the future instrument:

- marine genetic resources, including questions on the sharing of benefits
- area based management tools, including marine protected areas
- environmental impact assessments, and
- capacity building and transfer of marine technology

The next round of negotiations will take place between 25 March and 5 April 2019.

#### **Northwest Atlantic: Annual meeting to discuss conservation and enforcement (14/9/2018)**

The European Union participates in the annual meeting of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organisation (NAFO), taking place in Tallinn, 17 to 21 September 2018.

In particular, the representatives of the 12 Contracting Parties will deliberate on the setting of the total allowable catch (TAC) for fish stocks to ensure their sustainable management. The EU will seek solutions based on the best available scientific advice, aiming to ensure sustainability for the stocks and predictability for the industry's future. In addition, the EU will strongly support long-term management approaches for key stocks such as Greenland Halibut and cod in the Flemish Cap.

The protection of vulnerable marine ecosystems (VME) is another EU priority, striving to ensure that NAFO's protection policy is based on the latest and best science available. To this end, the EU has among other things contributed years to the NEREIDA seabed mapping project which aims at improving knowledge about the sea bottom. In addition, the EU will support paving the way towards an efficient implementation of the ecosystem approach.

Moreover, the EU will promote protective measures for Greenland sharks, taking into account the latest scientific advice.



Regarding control and enforcement, the EU will continue to promote compliance of the EU fleet with the NAFO rules in force, both at sea and in port, and measures that increase the efficiency of NAFO's control and inspection systems.

The 40<sup>th</sup> Annual meeting will also be analysing the conclusions of the recent NAFO Performance Review.

### **Revamping the Atlantic action plan Seminar on fisheries science (13/9/2018)**

The European Commission is organising a series of workshops on the future of the Atlantic maritime strategy, and in particular the revision of the Atlantic action plan. The workshops are set up in cooperation with the five Atlantic Member States: France, Ireland, Portugal, Spain and the UK.

The first workshop, focusing on **marine renewable energies**, was held on 12 September in Las Palmas (Gran Canaria), in co-operation with the [Maritime Cluster of the Canary Islands \(CMC\)](#). By taking stock of research capacities and collaborative platforms, sharing best practice to turn ports into blue economy hubs and by exploring financial engineering, participants helped to develop marine renewable energies as an opportunity for sustainable growth in the Atlantic.

### **Atlantic Action Plan**

The [Atlantic action plan](#) (2013) spells out how regions, port cities and the private sector can work together across borders to develop the Atlantic region's sustainable blue economy by 2020.

Halfway through, the Commission has taken stock of its implementation search for available translations of the preceding link and identified over 1200 projects, worth nearly EUR 6 billion investment, that supported the action plan. The plan still has potential to grow, and with the review as a basis, workshops will now further improve the plan and build its future beyond 2020.

As was the case in Las Palmas, also the other workshops will cover themes identified as highly relevant for the Atlantic blue economy, namely:

- Ports as blue economy hubs
- Connectivity
- Blue bioeconomy
- Blue skills

Next stop will be Viana do Castelo in Portugal, on 28 September, followed by the workshops in Ireland (Dublin), UK (Liverpool) and France.

### **Commission proposes Baltic Sea fishing opportunities for 2019 with increased quotas for plaice and Western cod and reductions for Western herring (31/8/2018)**

The Commission has adopted a proposal for fishing opportunities for 2019 for the commercially most important fish stocks in the Baltic Sea.

In particular, the Commission proposes to increase catches for plaice, Western cod, sprat, Gulf of Riga herring and the Main Basin salmon stocks. For the remaining stocks covered by the proposal the Commission proposes a reduction in catches.

The proposed total allowable catches (TAC) are based on scientific advice from the [International Council on the Exploration of the Seas](#) and follow the [Baltic multiannual management plan](#) adopted in 2016 by Member States and the European Parliament. Efforts by stakeholders in recent years have already succeeded in rebuilding important stocks in the Baltic Sea and in allowing that, where complete scientific advice is available, 7 out of 8 catch limits are set in line with the principle of maximum sustainable yield, covering 95% of fish landings in volume. But further action remains necessary to ensure all stocks grow to levels that allow for sustainable exploitation.

The Council will now examine the Commission proposal, and European



Ministers for Fisheries aim at adopting it during their meeting of 15-16 October.

### **The European Commission to invest €14.5 million in new maritime projects (31/8/2018)**

22 new sustainable blue projects have been pre-selected for funding by the European Commission under the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF). They will share €14.5 million. The grant agreements are currently being prepared for signature.

These projects are the results of a selection made under a [call for proposal](#) launched to accelerate the deployment of a sustainable blue economy across the EU and the Mediterranean.

They will work on the following topics: innovation (de-risking investment in demonstration projects), environment (fighting marine litter and restoring ecosystems), cooperation for a sustainable blue economy and better ocean governance in the Mediterranean sea basin.

### **1st Arctic Stakeholder Conference: “Knowing, developing and connecting the Arctic” (20/8/2018)**

The Arctic is changing rapidly and is increasingly high on the international agenda. It is our joint responsibility to protect the fragile Arctic environment for future generations whilst promoting the sustainable development of the region.

In response to these developments, the European Union has developed an integrated policy on the Arctic. Engagement with Arctic stakeholders is one of the cornerstones of the [EU's Arctic policy](#), adopted in April 2016 by the European Commission and the High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy.

It is for this reason that the European Commission will be organising the **1st Arctic Stakeholder Conference “Knowing,**

### **developing and connecting the Arctic” in Brussels on 17 September 2018.**

The conference will be opened by Commissioner Karmenu Vella, responsible for the EU's Arctic policy, and will bring together around 200 Arctic stakeholders including representatives from local, regional and national authorities from the European Arctic and beyond, Arctic indigenous peoples and the EU institutions.

The purpose of the conference is to follow-up on the recommendations formulated in the [final report of the Arctic Stakeholder Forum](#) which identified investment needs and priorities for the sustainable development of the Arctic region. Discussions will therefore be organised around the following themes: Arctic connectivity, leveraging investment in the Arctic, and financial support for cross-border cooperation and Arctic science.

Moreover, the 2018 edition of the annual Arctic indigenous peoples Dialogue will also take place on the occasion of the conference. In order to enhance synergies and generate discussion, the Dialogue will be organised as a conference session open to all.

### **EU Member States are stepping up measures to protect seas and oceans, but more improvements are needed (1/8/2018)**

A new European Commission [report](#) shows that EU Member States have made considerable efforts to address pressures on the marine environment. Despite this, the measures are not yet sufficient to achieve good, healthy and productive seas by 2020.

Today the European Commission published a report on the implementation of the [EU Marine Strategy Framework Directive](#) assessing the measures put in place by EU Member States to achieve 'good environmental status' by 2020. This concept is defined by measures conserving biodiversity and tackling pressures like overfishing, seabed damage, marine litter and contaminants.

The programmes of measures set up by Member States under the Marine Strategy Framework Directive are the last step of 6-year strategies. In their programmes of measures Member States have relied on regional cooperation more than ever before, and integrated different national, EU and international policies. For example to fight overfishing and reduce the negative impacts of fishing, Member States have reported measures taken under the EU Common Fisheries Policy, in regional and international agreements, as well as new measures, such as introducing the use of specific and less damaging fishing gear.

One in four measures announced by Member States has been developed specifically for the purposes of this Directive to target pressures on the marine environment that would otherwise not be covered. Nevertheless, the assessment shows that the goal of ‘good environmental status’ of European marine waters by 2020 will not be achieved without further improvements. In some cases, such as marine litter, where Member States lacked coordinated measures, this shortcoming is partly addressed at EU level, through the EU’s [Strategy on plastics](#) and its subsequent actions.

## **COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION**

**Next meeting of the  
[Agriculture and Fisheries Council](#)  
15-16/10/2018**

## 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	1/10/2018	Amsterdam	Control regulation FG
PEL AC	2/10/2018	Den Haag	WG 1 and 2
PEL AC	3/10/2018	Den Haag	GA and ExCom
AAC	3-4/10/2018	Brussels	Horizontal issues and shellfish WG
MED AC	11-12/10/2018	Rome	WG 1 + WG 2 + WG 4 Recreational fisheries + ExCom
NWW AC	15/10/2018		FG on control and compliance
AAC	17/10/2018	Brussels	ExCom
NS AC	17/10/2018	Brussels	Demersal WG
LD AC	23-24/10/2018	Brussels	WG 1, 4 and 5
ICES	26/10/2018	Web conference	Advisory Committee
NS AC	29/10/2018	Brussels	ExCom
NS AC	30/10/2018	Gothenburg	Skagerrak and Kattegat WG
SWW AC	30-31/10/2018	Cadiz	Traditional, Pelagic and Insular WGs and WGs 8 and 9
BS AC	6/11/2018	Gdynia	Extraordinary GA
LD AC	13/11/2018	London	WG 2
NWW AC	15/11/2018		FG on Cod area 6a
ICES	27-30/11/2018	Copenhagen	Advisory Committee
BS AC	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
<b>September 2018</b>			
25-27 Sep	NEAFC	PECMAC	London
28 Sep	NEAFC	WG Statistics	London
<b>October 2018</b>			
8-12 Oct	Coastal States	Coastal States annual consultations (MAC, BWH for TACs and ASH for LTMS)	London
2-3 Oct	NEAFC	PECMAS	London
22-23 Oct	NEAFC	VMAE and continental shelf Working Group Meeting	London
<b>November 2018</b>			
5-6 Nov	Coastal States	Coastal States annual consultations on ASH (TAC)	London
13-16 Nov	NEAFC	Annual meeting	London
26-30 Nov	EU-Norway	Consultation on fisheries arrangements for 2019	Bergen
<b>December 2018</b>			
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
<b>September 2018</b>			
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	WCPFC TCC + FADs WG	Majuro
<b>October 2018</b>			
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
1-12	Central Bering Sea	Annual Conference for the Convention on the Conservation and Management of Pollock resources in the Central Bering Sea	Virtual electronic meeting
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

<b>November 2018</b>			
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
<b>December 2018</b>			
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	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	15/11/2019	59 125 000 €	Oct /Nov 2018	Nouakchott						The last JCM took place in September 2017. Joint Scientific Meeting will be held Sept 2018
	Morocco	14/07/2018	30 million €					21/3/2018	16/04/2018	Oct	New Agreement and Protocol initialled on 24 July 2018.
	Senegal	19/11/2019	1 738 000 (3rd year)	Sept 2018 (tbc)	Brussels	-	-	-	-	-	
	Guinea Bissau	Dormant since Nov 2017	9 200 000 EUR			TBD	TBD		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. 5th round to be fixed.
	Greenland	31/12/2020	16 099 978 €, plus 1 700 000 € financial reserve for additional species.	19-21 Nov	Brussels						Last joint Committee took place on 11-13 July 2018.
WEST AFRICA	Cape-Verde	22/12/2018	550 000 € (years 1+2); 500 000 € (years 3+4)			End Sept	Brussels	16/05/2018	04/06/2018	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 received the study. Negotiations started in June 2018.
	Côte d'Ivoire	30/06/2018	680 000 €	Oct/Nov	Abidjan						New Protocol initialled on 16 March and signed on 1st August 2018.
	Gabon	Dormant since Jul 2016	1 350 000 €				Libreville				Resuming of negotiation pending political situation.
	Ghana	No Agreement/Protocol				TBC	TBC				The ex-ante evaluation was conducted end of 2016 and mandate adopted on March 2017.
	Liberia	8 Dec 2020	715 000 € (1st year); 650 000 € (2nd, 3rd and 4th years); 585 000 € (5th year)	2019	Brussels					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)								The current 4-year Protocol expires on 23/05/2018. Negotiations ongoing. 1st round took place in January 2018. 2nd round in April 2018. and 3rd round in July. Next round to be fixed.



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 Dec 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 IUU matters (red card). The agreement was denounced by the EU on 14/05/2018 (The termination of the SFPAs with Comoros has been notified to the Government of Comoros on 03/07/2018).
	Madagascar	31/12/2018	1 566 250 € (2015 & 2016) 1 487 500 € (2017 & 2018)			Sept / Oct	TBC	25/04/2018	04/06/2018	01/12/2018	The current 4-year Protocol expires on 31/12/2018. The evaluation study has been concluded (March 2018) and sent to Council, EP and Madagascar. 1st round of negotiations took place in July 2018. Next round to be fixed.
	Mauritius		575 000 €	SPRING 2019	TBC						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	17/01/2020	5 350 000 €	End 2018/ Begin 2019	SEY						Last JCM took place in February 2018.
	Mayotte (Access agreement)	19/05/2020			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 Jun 2015		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 SFPAs 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 20-21/01/2015. Confirmation of interest by Kenya on 21/03/2016, but date to start negotiation not agreed upon yet.
PACIFIC	Cook Islands	13/10/2020	717 500 €	End 2018	TBC						The current 4-year Protocol is in force since 14/10/2016. Currently the only SFPAs in the Pacific.
	Kiribati					Autumn 2018	TBC				No Protocol in force, which expired on 15/09/2015. 3 rounds of negotiations took place the last in November 2017.

## COMPOSITION OF THE COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES

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## NEXT FISHERIES COMMITTEE MEETINGS

### 2018

- 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

### 2019

- Wednesday, 23 January, 9:00-12h30
- Wednesday, 23 January, 14:30-18:30
  
- Thursday, 24 January, 9:00-12:30
  
- Tuesday, 19 February, 9:00-12:30
- Tuesday, 19 February, 14:30-18:30
  
- Monday, 8 April, 15:00-18:30

## USEFUL LINKS

- @ EP Committee on Fisheries [link](#)
- @ DG MARE (European Commission) [link](#)
- @ Austrian Presidency of the Council [link](#) (2nd half of 2018)
- @ Romanian Presidency of the Council [link](#) (1st half of 2019)
- @ FAO Fishery and Aquaculture [link](#)
- @ ICES International Council for the Exploration of the Sea [link](#)