

The Trawler

TOP NEWS – OCTOBER 2020

COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES

Monday, 26 October 2020, 16.45 – 18.45 &

Tuesday, 27 October 2020, 9.00 – 11.00 and 13.45 – 15.45

SPINELLI 1G3 & VISIOCONFERENCE

(Brussels time)

HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Presentation of a draft report (INI) on the impact on fisheries of marine litter
- ▶ Presentation on a draft report on conservation and enforcement measures applicable in the Regulatory Area of NAFO (Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organisation)
- ▶ Public hearing on “Rebuilding fish stocks in the Mediterranean: next steps”
- ▶ Presentation of a study on the “Impact of the use of offshore wind and other marine renewables on European fisheries”
- ▶ Exchange of views with the Commission on Illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing and non-cooperating countries

CONTENT

Words from the Chair	page 2
On-going dossiers	page 3
Studies & briefing notes	page 6
Fisheries news	page 7
AC meetings	page 11
International meetings	page 12
Partnership agreements	page 13
Committee on Fisheries	page 16
Calendar of PECH meetings	page 17

AGENDA

Next meetings of the Committee on Fisheries:
16 November 2020

WORDS FROM THE CHAIR



© European Union (2019) European Parliament

Pierre KARLESKIND
Chair of Committee on Fisheries

Dear Colleagues,

Dear Friends,

The negotiations with the UK are coming to an end, and we realise that there is very little time left for an agreement. Our Committee Members, in line with EU negotiators, have made it crystal clear from the outset that there will be no free trade agreement with the UK without a balanced, sustainable and long-term agreement on fisheries.

This Committee regroups elected representatives of many EU fishing regions and coastal communities whose livelihoods depend on fisheries, and for many of them notably on the access to waters that are now British, but where their fathers' and forefathers' had been fishing for centuries. European fishers should not bear the brunt and suffer the heavy consequences of a decision (Brexit) which was not theirs. They are asking for continuous access to UK waters and fish stocks, just as much as UK businesses are asking for access to the European single market. Hence, a fair deal based on common sense and reciprocity must be in the interest of both sides. We trust that our British friends and partners will realize, in the end, the importance of a balanced and sustainable fisheries agreement that will benefit fishers and stakeholders on both sides of the Channel.

When the final picture is clear, we will be called to vote on the outcome of the negotiations. We are determined to safeguard our fishers' interest, and that of all the fellow citizens whose jobs are depending on the fishing sector. We owe it to them - and that will be our sole guideline when voting.

Pierre KARLESKIND

ONGOING FILES / DOSSIERS

COD reports	Rapporteur	Type of procedure	PECH Committee vote	Plenary Session Vote
Proposal for a Regulation laying down management, conservation and control measures applicable in the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Convention area and amending Council Regulation (EU) No 520/2007 COM(2020)0308 - C9-0203/2020 2020/0139 (COD) PECH/9/03503	Ferreira	COD	16/11/2020	DEC 2020
Amending the Regulation (EU) 2019/833 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 May 2019 laying down conservation and enforcement measures applicable in the Regulatory Area of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organisation COM(2020)0215 - C9-0157/2020 2020/0095(COD) PECH/9/03131	Carvalhais	COD	2-3/12/2020	JAN 2021
Fisheries control COM(2018)0368 - C8-0238/2018 2018/0193 (COD) PECH/9/00323	Aguilera	COD	2-3/12/2020 tbc	TBC
Reports adopted in PECH awaiting 1st reading agreements	Rapporteur	Type of procedure	PECH Committee vote	Plenary Session Vote
Introduction of capacity limits for Eastern Baltic cod , data collection and control measures in the Baltic Sea, and Regulation (EU) No 508/2014 as regards permanent cessation for fleets fishing for Eastern Baltic cod COM(2019)0564 - C9-0161/2019 2019/0246 (COD) PECH/9/01787	Herbst	COD	Vote on the prov. agreement: 12/10/2020	NOV I
Multiannual management plan for bluefin tuna in the eastern Atlantic and the Mediterranean, amending Regulations (EU) No 2017/2107, (EU) No 2019/[NAFO], (EU) No 1936/2001, and repealing Regulation (EU) No 2016/1627 COM(2019)619 - C9-0188/2019 2019/0272(COD) PECH/9/02027	Ferrandino	COD	3/09/2020	Next trilogue: 10/11/2020
Reports adopted in EP 1st reading (awaiting 2nd reading)	Rapporteur	Type of procedure	PECH Committee vote	Plenary Session Vote
European Maritime and Fisheries Fund COM(2018)0390 - C8-0270/2018 2018/0210(COD) PECH/8/13776	Mato	COD	Next trilogue: 29/10/2020	1st Reading adoption 04/04/2019

NLE reports	Rapporteur	Type of procedure	PECH Committee vote	Plenary Session Vote
EU/Cook Islands Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement: extension of the implementation Protocol COM(2020)0589 - 2020/0275(NLE) PECH/9/04257	Bellamy	NLE	2-3/12/2020 tbc	TBC
EC/Mauritania Fisheries Partnership Agreement: extension of the Protocol COM(2020)0588 - 2020/0274(NLE) PECH/9/04273	Schreijer-Pierik	NLE	2-3/12/2020 tbc	TBC
Protocol on the implementation of the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the Republic of Senegal and the European Union 13484/2019 - COM(2019)0473 - C9-0178/2019 - 2019/0226(NLE) PECH/9/01701	Bilbao Barandica	NLE (with Resolution)	28/09-1/102020	NOV I
Conclusion, on behalf of the Union, of the Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement and its Implementing Protocol (2020-2026) between the European Union and the Republic of Seychelles 05243/2020 - COM(2020)0002 - 2020/0002(NLE) PECH/9/02217	Roose	NLE (with Resolution)	28/09-1/102020	NOV I
INI reports*	Rapporteur	Type of procedure	PECH Committee vote	Plenary Session Vote
The impact on the fishing sector of offshore windfarms and other renewable energy systems 2019/2158 (INI) PECH/9/01965	Van Dalen	INI*	TBC	TBC
Challenges and opportunities for the fishing sector in the Black Sea 2019/2159 (INI) PECH/9/01967	Hristov	INI*	TBC	TBC
The impact on fisheries of marine litter 2019/2160 (INI) PECH/9/01968	Chabaud	INI*	January 2021 tbc	TBC
Fishers for the future: Attracting a new generation of labour to the fishing industry and generating employment in coastal communities 2019/2161 (INI) PECH/9/01969	Pizarro	INI*	TBC	TBC

* As long as the EP operates in "business continuity mode", Committees are instructed to focus on priority legislative files; INI reports will most likely be presented/discussed from September onwards.

More fish in the seas? Measures to promote stock recovery above MSY, including fish recovery areas and marine protected areas 2019/2162 (INI) PECH/9/01971	Roose	INI*	16/11/2020	DEC 2020 tbc
Consequences for fish stocks and fisheries related to rising seawater temperatures 2019/2163 (INI) PECH/9/01972	Conte	INI*	TBC	TBC
Securing the objectives of the landing obligation under Article 15 CFP 2019/2177 (INI) PECH/9/01993	Gade	INI*	TBC	TBC
Rebuilding fish stocks in the Mediterranean Sea: assessment and next steps 2019/2178 (INI) PECH/9/01994	Stancanelli	INI*	TBC	TBC
Opinions	Rapporteur	Type of procedure	PECH Committee vote	Vote Lead Committee
2019 discharge: European Fisheries Control Agency (EFCA) 2020/2169(DEC) PECH/9/03898	Karleskind (Chair)	DEC	January 2021 tbc	TBC
2021 Budgetary procedure 2020/1998 (BUD) PECH/9/03442	Karleskind (Chair)	BUDG	28/9-01/10/2020	TBC
Agreement between the European Union and the government of the People's Republic of China on cooperation on, and protection of, geographical indications 2020/0089 (NLE) PECH/9/03099	Melo	NLE	12/10/2020	26/10/2020
Farm to Fork strategy COM(2020)0381 PECH/9/02601	Bilbao Barandica	INI	TBC	TBC
EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030 COM(2020)0380 PECH/9/03084	Mato	INI	TBC	TBC
Atlantic maritime strategy – Atlantic action plan 2.0 COM(2020)0329 PECH/9/04116	Karleskind (Chair)	INI	TBC	TBC

**Note on procedures:*

COD: Ordinary legislative procedure; **INI:** Own-Initiative;

NLE: Non-legislative (consent to international agreements); **DEC:** Discharge; **BUD:** Budget

RESEARCH FROM THE POLICY DEPARTMENT 'B':

REQUESTED:

Electronic technologies in monitoring, control and surveillance of EU fisheries - challenges and opportunities (workshop)

Impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on EU fisheries and aquaculture (study)

PUBLISHED (SINCE 2016):

CFP and fisheries management

The impact on the fishing sector of offshore windfarms and other renewable energy systems

Implementation of the current EU fisheries control system by Member States (2014-19)

Implementation and impact of the key European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF) measures on the CFP

The discard ban and the landing obligation in the Western- Mediterranean Sea - The Italian case

The discard ban and the landing obligation in the Western- Mediterranean Sea - The Spanish case

Social and Economic impact of the penalty point system

Scientific Advice in Fisheries Management - Introduction to Stock Assessment and Maximum Sustainable Yield Ranges

Workshop on The discard ban and its impact on the Maximum Sustainable Yield objective on fisheries

The discard ban and its impact on the MSY objective - The Bay of Biscay case/The Baltic Sea/The North Sea

Options of handling choke species in view of the EU landing obligation - the Baltic plaice example

Landing obligation and choke species in mixed fisheries - North Sea/North-Western Waters/South-Western Waters

European fisheries - latest developments and future challenges

Stocks

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

Environmental, social and economic sustainability of the European eel management

The European eel: reproductive biology, migration and sustainable management

Structural Policy and economics

Markets of fisheries and aquaculture products: The added value chain and the role of promotion, labelling and consumer information - Small-scale fisheries case

Feasibility of measuring socio-economic and environmental impacts of recreational and semi-subsistence fisheries in the EU

Seafood Industry Integration in the EU

The management of the fishing fleets in the outermost regions

Sustainable 'blue growth' in the EU and opportunities for small-scale fisheries

Regional ocean governance in Europe: the role of fisheries

"Marine Recreational and Semi-subsistence fishing - its value and its impact on fish stocks"

Training of Fishers

Workshop on the Implementation and Impact of EMFF Measures on the Common Fisheries Policy

Seafood Industry Integration in the EU 2018

External dimension

Impact of fisheries partnership agreements in the development of employment in the EU and in third countries

Consequences of Brexit for the Common Fisheries Policy

Legal framework for governance

Trade and economic related issues

Resources and fisheries

Mission briefings

Fisheries in Madeira/Japan/Guadeloupe (2017)

Fisheries in Andalusia/Finland/Ireland/Vietnam (2018)

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

FISHERIES NEWS IN BRIEF

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

[News - Press service](#)

New measures to help fishing sector and coastal communities in the Baltic Sea

22/09/2020

On 22 September, EU institutions concluded negotiations on providing support to Baltic Sea fishers, enabling them to cope with the socio-economic effects of severe fishing restrictions.

The agreed measures provide for additional flexibility in exceptional circumstances: Member States affected by the closure of the Eastern Baltic cod fishery will have the possibility to make financial support for permanent cessation of fishing activities through scrapping available under the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund 2014-2020.

At the same time, support for the permanent cessation of fishing activities is linked to reducing the size of the fleet involved on these activities.

Agreement was also reached on extending the scope of the original proposal to include Western Baltic cod and Western Baltic herring, in order for vessels targeting these two stocks to also be able to apply for permanent cessation support.

Other issues agreed:

- The threshold applicable to the live weight of cod, above which a fishing vessel is required to land its catches in a designated port, is set at 250kg.
- Member states are required to communicate to the Commission the yearly average from 2015-2019 of the total capacity of all vessels with fishing opportunities allocation for each of the three concerned stocks, as well as the total amount of capacity withdrawn for these vessels.
- Member states cannot re-allocate capacity to these vessel groups before 5 years following the withdrawal, or before the stock concerned has been

above sustainability levels for a period of three years.

Next steps

Parliament and Council are now expected to endorse the content of the agreement. The regulation will enter into force one day after its publication in the Official Journal.

Background

Eastern Baltic cod stocks have been declining sharply in recent years, for a variety of reasons, linked mainly to environmental and anthropogenic factors. On 22 July 2019, as an emergency measure, the Commission prohibited fishing for six months, with the exception of a limited amount arising from the unavoidable by-catch. Subsequently, fishing opportunities for 2020 were cut by 92 %. Fishing opportunities for Western Baltic cod and Western herring were also significantly reduced.

As recovery of the stocks is not expected before 2024, on 31 October 2019 the Commission issued a proposal amending the [European Maritime and Fisheries Fund Regulation](#) in order to allow support for permanent cessation and introducing parallel changes to the [Baltic multiannual plan](#) by setting capacity limits for the fishing segments concerned and by including additional control and data collection measures.

The fleet segments with the highest dependency on Eastern Baltic cod encompass more than 300 vessels, mainly trawlers and netters in Lithuania, Latvia and Poland (representing between roughly 20% and 50% of the respective national fleet), and to a lesser extent, Denmark and Germany.

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

[News - Press service](#)

Euronews Ocean season 2, episode 9: Marine litter

20/10/2020

In the EU, 20% of fishing gear is lost at sea. Abandoned, lost or disposed of, it accounts for about a third of marine litter found in European seas, or over 11.000 tons per year.

In this episode, timed to this year's #EUBeachCleanup campaign, we'll visit Croatia and Italy to see how the EU-funded "marGnet" project is mapping and recycling ghost nets and other marine litter. We'll meet Croatian fishers working with EU researchers to minimise ghost net pollution, take a SCUBA dive with underwater cleanup campaigners at the Cres-Lošinj archipelago, and join a cleanup action at the world-famous Venetian canals in Italy, while learning about marGnet-developed method of converting collected plastic waste into diesel fuel.

Tune in to Euronews from 20 October @ 20:50 CET – on any platform.

OCEAN is a Euronews magazine in collaboration with the Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries (MARE). Season 2 features monthly 8-minute videos where we highlight fascinating projects and developments related to the ocean and coastal communities.

The first season featured episodes on marine protected areas, small-scale fisheries, ocean energy, aquaculture, IUU fishing, sustainable fisheries and more. Missed one? [Check them out on Euronews website!](#) You will also find some nice extras about these topics.

Feel free to share on social media, tagging [@EU_MARE](#) and [@euronews](#) and using the hashtag [#oceanEU](#).

EFCA adopts its Work Programme for 2021 and multiannual strategy to address evolving needs and priorities 15/10/2020

The European Fisheries Control Agency (EFCA) Administrative Board held its 34th meeting on 14 October. During this meeting, that took place online this time due to the COVID-19 related restrictions, the Administrative Board members elected a new Chair, Ms Veronika Veits and Deputy Chair Ms Melanie Seibert.

The Single Programming Document 2021-2015 was adopted. This document presents a complete overview of the activities programmed in order to fulfil EFCA's mandate, as well as the resources allocated to

the Agency in accordance with planned objectives for the next five years.

The budget for 2021 adopted by the Administrative Board is of EUR 17.6 million, subject to the adoption of the European Union (EU) budgetary authority. The total number of posts in the establishment plan remains stable at 61.

The Agency coordinates control and inspection activities in the context of the joint deployment plans (JDPs), the legal vehicle through which EFCA organises the deployment of human and material resources pooled by Member States. EFCA's work will continue to revolve around four strategic areas: operational coordination, risk assessment and data analysis, compliance with international provisions capacity building and support to coast guard functions.

The SPD 2021-2025 addresses the new challenges post-2020 and aims to provide the necessary flexibility to respond to evolving needs. The Agency aims at enhancing the close cooperation between EU Member States, in the framework of the Monitoring, Control and Surveillance measures of the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP). A compliant, efficient and uniform implementation of the policy guarantees the sustainability of the fisheries resources.

Moreover, the cooperation is also extended to the support the Agency provides to Member States through the European Coast Guard cooperation with the two other EU agencies in the maritime domain, the European Border and Coast Guard Agency (Frontex) and the European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA). EFCA's work also supports the EU in the international dimension of the Common Fisheries Policy, ensuring the compliance to the international provisions, the assistance to the implementation of the Illegal, Unregulated and Unreported (IUU) Regulation and the direct cooperation with third countries, when requested.

"Notwithstanding the current uncertainty of the pandemic, EFCA's duty remains to provide critical support to Member States and to contribute to promote a level playing field in EU fisheries and to ensuring sustainability. We strive to be up to the challenge of maintaining these objectives while adapting to the new

situation," said Pascal Savouret, EFCA Executive Director.

Euronews Ocean season 2, episode 8: Maritime transport **29/09/2020**

The EU's maritime transport industry strives to reduce its impact on the environment with innovative solutions like battery-operated vessels, wind-powered ships and carbon-neutral shipping. The industry sets new environmental goals — but can it deliver?

In this episode, we'll show how the European shipping industry is advancing towards the 2050 goal of reducing its CO2 emissions down to 50% compared to 2008. We'll start with researchers using drones and other innovative tools to take accurate measurements of vessel emissions close to the port of Hamburg, as a part of an EU-funded SCIPPER project. We'll introduce Europe's goals and methods of reducing shipping emissions in an interview with Jaap Gebraad, Executive Director of Waterborne, the European research and innovation platform for waterborne industries. We'll show examples of innovative technologies helping reduce emissions on "the cleanest ship on the Baltic" — MS VIKING Grace, a hybrid vessel that along with LNG fuel uses wind propulsion with an innovative rotor sail, developed within an EU-funded project (RotorDEMO). On arrival to Turku, Finland, we'll show how improvements in logistics and infrastructure reduce ports' environmental footprint (EU-funded NextGen Link project).

Tune in to Euronews from 29 September @ 20:50 CET – on any platform.

OCEAN is a Euronews magazine in collaboration with the Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries (MARE). Season 2 features monthly 8-minute videos where we highlight fascinating projects and developments related to the ocean and coastal communities.

The first season featured episodes on marine protected areas, small-scale fisheries, ocean energy, aquaculture, IUU fishing, sustainable fisheries and more. Missed one? [Check them](#)

[out on Euronews website!](#) You will also find some nice extras about these topics.

Feel free to share on social media, tagging [@EU_MARE](#) and [@euronews](#) and using the hashtag [#oceanEU](#).

COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

Next meeting of the Agriculture and Fisheries Council

16-17 November 2020

[News - Press service](#)

Baltic Sea fishing: Council agrees on 2021 catch limits **20/10/2020**

The Council reached an agreement on next year's fishing opportunities in the Baltic Sea, focusing on fish stock recovery. Ministers agreed to continue decreasing the fishing opportunities for several fish stocks in the Baltic Sea to help them recover. Ministers decided to continue the closure of the Eastern Baltic cod fishery and to provide only a by-catch quota, which was again significantly reduced compared to last year's. The biggest cuts in the total allowable catches (TACs) were for the herring of the Western and Central part of the Baltic Sea, in line with the latest scientific advice.

Ministers agreed for a moderate increase of the TACs for herring in the Gulf of Riga, Western Baltic cod, plaice, sprat and salmon in the main basin area of the Baltic Sea, while salmon in the Gulf of Finland will be moderately decreased. The TACs for the Bothnian herring will remain at the same level as last year.

The agreement in detail

Based on a Commission proposal, the agreed quantities take into account the commitment to meet the objectives of the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP), including the achievement of Maximum Sustainable Yield (MSY), as well as scientific advice provided in particular by the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES). The provisions of the multiannual management plan for the

Baltic sea were also the guiding principles of this year's exercise.

In addition to setting TACs and quotas on some species, the Council agreed on additional measures such as:

- Maintain the existing summer spawning closure for the Eastern Baltic cod with an exception for purely scientific fisheries and small-scale coastal fisheries using specific gears.
- Extend the spawning closure period for cod in Subdivision 24.
- Maintain the ban on recreational fisheries of Eastern Baltic cod, and maintain the reduced bag limit for Western Baltic cod recreational fisheries.
- Declaration by relevant Member States not to use year-to-year flexibility for Eastern Baltic cod.

Traditionally, this regulation also includes an amendment to the 2020 fishing opportunities to take into account recent advice for Norway pout. The Council therefore also decided on fishing opportunities for this important fishery whose season will start at the beginning of November. Given that this stock is partly present in UK waters, the TAC is currently only set until the end of the year and will need to be revised then.

Preparatory work conducive to finding swift agreement was carried out at regional level through BALTFISH, a body providing a platform for discussion on important fisheries issues in the Baltic Sea, currently under Estonia's chairmanship.

- [Council agreement on 2021 catch limits in the Baltic Sea](#)

Infographic - Setting catch limits and quotas

[See full infographic](#)

Next steps

To ensure the entry into force of this regulation by 1 November for Norway pout fishing activities to continue, after finalisation by the legal/linguists experts, this item will be submitted for adoption by written procedure.

Background

The discussions were based on a Commission proposal with article 43(3) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU) as the legal basis. Under this article, it is for the Council to adopt measures on the fixing and

allocation of fishing opportunities within the framework of the common fisheries policy. The European Parliament's participation and the Economic and Social Committee's opinion are therefore not required for the adoption of this regulation.

- [Commission proposal](#)
- [Multiannual fisheries management plan for the Baltic Sea](#)

MEETINGS OF THE ADVISORY COUNCILS*

*THE MEETINGS CAN BE SUBJECT TO CANCELLATION OR POSTPONEMENT

AC	DATE	PLACE	TYPE
NS AC	26/10/2020	virtual	ExCom
NS AC	27/10/2020	virtual	GA
BS AC	27/10/2020	virtual	ExCom
MED AC	27/10/2020	virtual	FG West Med, WG5, WG4
MED AC	28/10/2020	virtual	WG1, FG Adriatic & WG5
CC RUP	02/11/2020	virtual	ExCom
CC RUP	03/11/2020	virtual	Pelagics WG
CC RUP	04/11/2020	virtual	Demersal and Benthic WG
CC RUP	05/11/2020	virtual	IUU fisheries WG
CC RUP	06/11/2020	virtual	Aquaculture WG
LD AC	06/11/2020	virtual	WG 2
SWW AC	10/11/2020	virtual	GA, ExCom
NS AC	13/11/2020	TBC	Demersal WG
BIS AC	18/11/2020	Varna, Bulgaria	WG6
BIS AC	19-20/11/2020	Varna, Bulgaria	GA
NWW AC	20/11/2020	virtual	FG Brexit
MAC	24/11/2020	virtual	WG3
MAC	25/11/2020	virtual	WG1
MAC	27/11/2020	virtual	WG2

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](#))
- MAC: Market Advisory Council ([link](#))
- BIS AC: Black Sea Advisory Council ([link](#))
- CC RUP: Outermost Regions Advisory Council
- **GA:** General Assembly, **ExCom:** Executive Committee, **WG:** Working Group, **FG:** Focus Group

MAIN INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS AND EVENTS*

*THE MEETINGS CAN BE SUBJECT TO CANCELLATION OR POSTPONEMENT

NORWAY/FAROE ISLANDS/COASTAL STATES/NEAFC

Date	Organisation	Type of meeting	Venue
2020			
10-13/11/2020	NEAFC	NEAFC Annual Meeting 2020	Video conference (TBC)

REGIONAL FISHERIES ORGANISATIONS AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS

Date	Organisation	Type of meeting	Venue
2020			
26 October – 6 November	Commission for the Convention of Atlantic Marine Resources (CCAMLR)	Annual meeting	VC
<i>2-6 November postponed to May 2021</i>	GFCM	Annual Session	Tirana, Albania
2-6 November 2020	Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC)	Annual meeting	VC
9-17 November	UN	Informal Consultations on the UNGA Resolution on Sustainable Fisheries	New York
10-13 November	North East Atlantic Fisheries Commission (NEAFC)	Annual Meeting	Video conference (TBC)
Mid-November (TBD)	OECD	Committee for Fisheries (COFI)	Paris
18-24 November	UN	Second round of Informal Consultations on the UNGA Resolution on Oceans and the Law of the Sea	TBD
Postponed to 2021	International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT)	Annual meeting	TBD
23-26 November	South East Atlantic Fisheries Organisation (SEAFO)	The European Commission does not intend to attend the annual meeting of the SEAFO or any of its subsidiary bodies, unless any issue of special and direct interest for the EU is on the agenda of the meeting.	
October/November (TBC)	Bering Sea Convention	Annual meeting	VC
30 November – 4 December <i>Postponed to 30 May – 4 June 2021</i>	EU - FAO	Third Meeting of the Parties to the Port State Measures Agreement	Brussels

FISHERIES PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENTS*

*THE MEETINGS CAN BE SUBJECT TO CANCELLATION OR POSTPONEMENT

COUNTRY	EXPIRATION DATE OF CURRENT PROTOCOL	NEXT JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING (JCM) 2020		NEGOTIATIONS SESSIONS FORECAST 2019-2020		LEGAL PROCESS			LATEST INFORMATION (last JCM, last negotiation round, etc.)	
		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 2020 (1-year extension)		Brussels	TBD	/		Adopted on 8 July 2019		The last JCM took place in December 2018. The first round of negotiation took place from 2 to 4 September 2019 in Brussels, during which a 1-year extension of the current protocol was agreed. This extension was signed on 13 November 2019 and applies provisionally from 16 November 2019. EP gave its consent to the conclusion of the extension on 13 May 2020. The second round took place in November 2019 in Nouakchott, the third one in December 2019 (Brussels) and the fourth one in February 2020 (Nouakchott). During the fifth round in July 2020 (videoconference), another 1-year extension of the current protocol was agreed.
	Morocco	17 July 2023	October 2020	Brussels	/	/	/	/	/	New agreement and protocol in force since 18 July 2019.
	Senegal	17 November 2024	TBD	Brussels	/	/	/	/	Adopted on 14 November 2019	Last scientific meeting took place in July 2018. Last JCM took place on 18-19 October 2019, New protocol initialled on 19 July 2019. The new protocol was signed on 18 November 2019 and applies provisionally pending EP consent.
	The Gambia	30 July 2025	Q4 2020	Brussels	/	/	/	/	Adopted on 25 June 2019	Negotiations concluded on 19 October 2018. The new protocol was signed on 31 July 2019. EP gave its consent to the conclusion of the SFPA and protocol in December 2019.
	Guinea Bissau	14 June 2024	Q3 2020	Bissau	/	/	/	/	Adopted on 6 June 2019	Negotiations concluded on 15 November 2018. The new protocol was signed on 15 June 2019 and applied provisionally. EP gave its consent to the conclusion of the protocol in June 2020. The first JCM took place in October 2019 in Brussels.

	Greenland	31 December 2020			suspended on 9 July 2020	/		Adopted on 9 December 2019		Last JCM took place in November 2019. The first round of negotiations took place from 15 to 17 January 2020 in Copenhagen. The second round took place from 4 to 6 March 2020 in Brussels. The third round took place from 9 to 10 June 2020 (videoconference). The fourth round of negotiations was suspended on 9 July 2020.
WEST AFRICA	Cape-Verde	19 May 2024	Q4 2020	TBD	/	/	/	/	Adopted on 17 May 2019	The new protocol was signed on 20 May 2019 and applied provisionally. EP gave its consent to the conclusion of the protocol in June 2020. Cabo Verde ratified the protocol on 28 October 2019.
	Côte d'Ivoire	31 July 2024	TBD	Brussels	/	/	/	/	Adopted on 26 July 2018	The new protocol was signed on 1 August 2018 and applied provisionally. EP gave its consent to the conclusion of the protocol in February 2019. Last JCM took place on 27-28 November 2018.
	Gabon	23 July 2016 - EXPIRED			15 September 2020	Video conference	/		Adopted on 22 October 2015	Negotiations resumed in June and July 2020 (4th round).
	Ghana	No Agreement/Protocol					/		Adopted on 3 March 2017	The ex-ante evaluation was conducted end of 2016.
	Liberia	8 December 2020			/	/				The protocol was signed on 9 December 2015 and applied provisionally. EP gave its consent to the conclusion of the protocol in May 2016. Last JCM took place in June 2020 (videoconference).
	Equatorial Guinea	N/A								The ex-ante evaluation was approved at the end of November 2016.
	São Tomé and Príncipe	18 December 2024	Q3 2020	TBD	/	/	/	/	Adopted on 24 October 2019	The negotiations were concluded on 17 April 2019 and the new protocol was initialled. The new protocol was signed on 19 December 2019 and applies provisionally pending EP consent. EP gave its consent to the conclusion of the protocol in June 2020. Last JCM took place on 17-18 March 2020 in Brussels.

INDIAN OCEAN	Comoros	DENOUNCED	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	The termination of the SFPAs with Comoros has been notified to the Government of Comoros on 3 July 2018.
	Madagascar	31 December 2018 - EXPIRED			TBD		/	Adopted on 4 June 2018		The evaluation study has been concluded (March 2018). The first round of negotiations took place from 24 to 27 July 2018 in Brussels (together with a JCM). The second round took place in October 2018, while the third one took place from 23 to 25 September 2019. The fourth round scheduled from 20 to 22 January 2020 in Brussels has been postponed at the request of Madagascar.
	Mauritius	7 December 2021	TBD		/	/	/	/	Adopted on 23 October 2017	The current protocol was signed on 8 December 2017. The first JCM was held in February/March 2018 in Port Louis. The second JCM was held in Brussels from 25 to 27 February 2019.
	Mozambique	31 January 2015 - EXPIRED					/	Adopted on 12 June 2014	/	Negotiations for a new protocol suspended until further notice to enable further reflection by both Parties to narrow divergences. Last JCM took place in February 2016.
	Seychelles	23 February 2026	Q3 2020	Seychelles	/	/	/	/	Adopted on 20 February 2020	Last JCM took place in Brussels from 27 February to 1 March 2019. Negotiations concluded in October 2019 with the initialling of the new SFPAs and protocol. Both agreement and protocol were signed on 24 February 2020 and apply provisionally pending EP consent.
	Mayotte (Access agreement)	5 June 2020			Q3 2020	TBD	/	Adopted on 24 October 2019		Last JCM took place in Brussels on 1 March 2019. No financial implications for the EU, as this agreement allows access of Seychelles flagged vessels to Mayotte's waters under EU jurisdiction. The first round of negotiations took place from 14 to 16 January 2020 in Mamoudzou.
	Tanzania	No Agreement/Protocol					/	Adopted on 16 June 2015		A first technical meeting took place in Dar-Es-Salaam 4-6 July 2016. Vague interest in discussing a SFPAs with the EU.
	Kenya	No Agreement/Protocol					/	Adopted on 18 July 2016		
PACIFIC	Cook Islands	13 October 2020			TBD		/	Adopted on 7 July 2020		The current protocol is in force since 14 October 2016. Currently the only SFPAs in the Pacific. Last JCM took place in Rarotonga from 20 to 22 February 2019. Ex-post and ex-ante evaluation finalised. The first round of negotiations took place on 16 July 2020 (videoconference).
	Kiribati	15 September 2015 - EXPIRED			TBD		/	Adopted on 26 January 2015		Three rounds of negotiations took place (last one in November 2017). A technical meeting took place from 5 to 7 June 2019. A one-year extension was agreed upon in July 2020. Next round to be fixed.

COMPOSITION OF THE COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES

BUREAU			
Chair	KARLESKIND Pierre		
1st Vice-Chair	VAN DALEN Peter	3rd Vice-Chair	FERRANDINO Giuseppe
2nd Vice-Chair	GADE Søren	4th Vice-Chair	MONTEIRO DE AGUIAR Cláudia

COORDINATORS			
EPP	MATO Gabriel	ID	CONTE Rosanna
S&D	AGUILERA Clara	ECR	TOMASIC Ruža
Renew	GADE Søren Gade	GUE/NGL	FERREIRA João
Greens/EFA	O'SULLIVAN Grace		

COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES FULL MEMBERS			SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS		
AGUILERA Clara	ES	S&D	ANDROULAKIS Nikos	EL	S&D
BARTOLO Pietro	IT	S&D	AVRAM Carmen	RO	S&D
BELLAMY François-Xavier	FR	EPP	BITEAU Benoît	FR	Greens/EFA
BILBAO BARANDICA Izaskun	ES	Renew	BOMPARD Manuel	FR	GUE/NGL
CARVALHAIS Isabel	PT	S&D	CHABAUD Catherine	FR	Renew
CASANOVA Massimo	IT	ID	GONZALEZ CASARES Nicolás	ES	S&D
CONTE Rosanna	IT	ID	GRANT Valentino	IT	ID
VAN DALEN Peter	NL	EPP	HIDVEGHI Balázs	HU	EPP
D'AMATO Rosa	IT	NI	HLAVÁČEK Martin	CS	Renew
FEDERLEY Fredrick	SV	Renew	HRISTOV Ivo	BG	S&D
FERRANDINO Giuseppe	IT	S&D	HUIEMA Jan	NL	Renew
FERREIRA João	PT	GUE/NGL	KALINOWSKI Jarosław	PL	EPP
GADE Søren Gade	DA	Renew	KELLER Ska	DE	Greens/EFA
GUERREIRO Francisco	PT	Greens/EFA	KOKKALIS Petros	EL	GUE/NGL
HAZEKAMP Anja	NL	GUE/NGL	LAGOS Ioannis	EL	NI
HERBST Niclas	DE	EPP	MATO Gabriel	ES	EPP
JAMET France	FR	ID	MEBAREK Nora	FR	S&D
KARLESKIND Pierre	FR	Renew	MELO Nuno	PT	EPP
MATIC Predrag Fred	HR	S&D	MILAZZO Giuseppe	IT	EPP
MILLAN MON Francisco José	ES	EPP	PIRBAKAS Maxette	FR	ID
MONTEIRO DE AGUIAR Cláudia	PT	EPP	RAFALSKA Elżbieta	PL	ECR
O'SULLIVAN Grace	IE	Greens/EFA	SCHMIEDTBAUER Simone	AT	EPP
PIZARRO Manuel	PT	S&D	STANCANELLI Raffaele	IT	ECR
ROOSE Caroline	FR	Greens/EFA	TARDINO Annalisa	IT	ID
RUISSSEN Bert-Jan	NL	ECR	WALSH Maria	IE	EPP
SCHREIJER-PIERIK Annie	NL	EPP	YON-COURTIN Stéphanie	FR	Renew
TOMASIC Ruža	HR	ECR	ZARZALEJOS Javier	ES	EPP
ZAGORAKIS Theodoros	EL	EPP	ZDANOKA Tatjana	LV	Greens/EFA

NEXT FISHERIES COMMITTEE MEETINGS

2020

- Monday 16 November, 13:45-15:45
- Wednesday 2 December, 09:00-12:30
- Wednesday 2 December, 13:45-15:45
- Thursday 3 December, 09:00-12:30

2021

Calendar of meetings in the 1st half of 2021 still to be defined .

USEFUL LINKS

- @ EP Committee on Fisheries [link](#)
- @ DG MARE (European Commission) [link](#)
- @ Germany's Presidency of the Council [link](#)
- @ FAO Fishery and Aquaculture [link](#)
- @ ICES International Council for the Exploration of the Sea [link](#)

LEGAL DISCLAIMER: The items contained herein are drafted by the secretariat of the Committee on Fisheries of the European Parliament and are provided for general information purposes only. The opinions expressed in this document are the sole responsibility of the author(s) and do not necessarily represent the official position of the European Parliament. This document may contain links to websites that are created and maintained by other organisations. The secretariat does not necessarily endorse the view(s) expressed on these websites.