

Incidental catches of cetaceans in fisheries; alignment of the Regulation with the TFEU (Commission delegated and implementing powers)

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The Committee on Fisheries adopted the report by Raül ROMEVA i RUEDA (Greens/EFA, ES) on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EC) No 812/2004 laying down measures concerning incidental catches of cetaceans in fisheries and amending Regulation (EC) No 88/98.

The committee recommends that the European Parliament's position, adopted at first reading following the ordinary legislative procedures, should be to amend the Commission proposal as follows:

Review of the Regulation: noting that cetacean populations have dramatically decreased, while tens of thousands of cetaceans die every year in EU waters, Members call on the Commission to review, **no later than 31 December 2015**, the effectiveness of the measures laid down in this Regulation and accompany this review with an **overarching legislative proposal** for ensuring the effective protection of cetaceans.

Delegated acts: the report suggests a stricter definition of the circumstances under which the Commission may adopt delegated acts. They propose limiting the delegation of power on the Commission for a **period of three years** from the date of entry into force of this Regulation. They oblige the Commission to report on its exercise in order to have a regular evaluation and questioning of the use of the delegation.