

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

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The European Parliament adopted by 690 to 5 with 10 abstentions, a legislative resolution 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.

Parliament adopted its position in first reading following the ordinary legislative procedure. It amended 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 Commission should be empowered to adopt delegated acts In order to ensure the efficient adaptation of certain provisions to reflect technical and scientific progress. Parliament proposes to **limit the delegation of power to three years** from the entry into force of the regulation (which may be tacitly extended for an identical period) and to require the Commission to draw up a report in respect of the delegation of power not later than nine months before the end of the three-year period.