Multiannual recovery plan for bluefin tuna in the eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean: fishing seasons

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PURPOSE: to amend Council Regulation No (EC) n° 302/2009 concerning a multiannual recovery plan for Bluefin tuna in the eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Regulation (EU) No 544/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EC) No 302/2009 concerning a multiannual recovery plan for Bluefin tuna in the eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean

CONTENT: the Regulation aims to amend Regulation (EC) No 302/2009 concerning a multiannual recovery plan for Bluefin tuna in the eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean.

At its annual meeting in 2012, the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tuna (ICCAT) adopted a recommendation further amending the multiannual recovery plan for bluefin tuna to better adapt the fishing seasons to the activity of the fleets. In 2013, ICCAT adopted a complement to this recommendation **in order to allow modifications to the fishing seasons for baitboats and trolling boats in the eastern Atlantic** that do not affect the protection of bluefin tuna spawning grounds in the Mediterranean. This complement also lays down rules for the **use of stereoscopic cameras** in the context of caging operations.

The purpose of the Regulation is to transpose into EU law the latest ICCAT recommendation modifying the recovery plan for bluefin tuna in the Eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean. The EU has been a party to ICCAT since 1997.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 01.06.2014.