

Conservation and enforcement measures applicable in the Regulatory Area of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organisation (NAFO)

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The Committee on Fisheries adopted the report by Grace O'SULLIVAN (Greens/EFA, IRL) on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) 2019/833 laying down conservation and enforcement measures applicable in the Regulatory Area of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organisation.

The committee responsible recommended that the European Parliament's position adopted at first reading under the ordinary legislative procedure should amend the proposal as follows:

On 3 March 2023, the Commission submitted a proposal to amend Regulation (EU) 2019/833 that transposed into EU law the conservation and enforcement measures (CEM) adopted by the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organisation (NAFO), to which the European Union (EU) has been a contracting party since 1979. The purpose of this proposal is to transpose into Union law the amendments to the conservation and enforcement measures adopted by NAFO at its 43rd annual meeting in September 2022.

The amended text deletes the reference to the conservation and management measures in the proposal. Given that the conservation and enforcement measures are not fully published in the Official Journal of the European Union, it cannot be fully enforceable, therefore it cannot make restricting conservation and management measures applicable to research vessels in the NAFO Regulatory Area.