## Basic information

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| **1997/0237(CNS)**<br><br>CNS - Consultation procedure<br>Regulation | Procedure completed |
| Fishery resources in the Mediterranean Sea: technical measures for the conservation (amend. Regulation (EC) No 1626/94)<br><br>**Subject**<br><br>3.15.01 Fish stocks, conservation of fishery resources<br><br>**Geographical area**<br><br>Mediterranean Sea area | |

## Key players

**European Parliament**

| Committee responsible | Rapporteur | Appointed |
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| PECH Fisheries | MCMAHON Hugh R. (PSE) | 28/10/1997 |

**Council of the European Union**

| Council configuration | Meetings | Date |
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| Social Affairs | 2081 | 1998-04-07 |

## Key events

| Date | Event | Reference | Summary |
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| 19/09/1997 | Legislative proposal published | COM(1997)0459 | Summary |
| 20/10/1997 | Committee referral announced in Parliament | | |
| 03/02/1998 | Vote in committee | | Summary |
| 03/02/1998 | Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading | A4-0045/1998 | |
| 13/03/1998 | Debate in Parliament | | |
| 07/04/1998 | Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament | | |
| 07/04/1998 | End of procedure in Parliament | | |
| 15/04/1998 | Final act published in Official Journal | | |

## Technical information

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| **Procedure reference** | 1997/0237(CNS) |

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| **Procedure type** | CNS - Consultation procedure |
| **Procedure subtype** | Legislation |
| **Legislative instrument** | Regulation |
| **Legal basis** | EC Treaty (before Amsterdam) E 043 |
| **Stage reached in procedure** | Procedure completed |
| **Committee dossier** | PECH/4/09352 |

## Documentation gateway

**European Parliament**

| Document type | Committee | Reference | Date | Summary |
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| Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading | | A4-0045/1998<br>OJ C 080 16.03.1998, p. 0004 | 03/02/1998 | |
| Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading | | T4-0170/1998<br>OJ C 104 06.04.1998, p. 0264-0281 | 13/03/1998 | Summary |

**European Commission**

| Document type | Reference | Date | Summary |
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| Legislative proposal | COM(1997)0459<br>OJ C 337 07.11.1997, p. 0036 | 19/09/1997 | Summary |

**Other institutions and bodies**

| Institution/body | Document type | Reference | Date | Summary |
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| EESC | Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report | CES1399/1997<br>OJ C 073 09.03.1998, p. 0102 | 10/12/1997 | Summary |

## Additional information

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| European Commission | EUR-Lex | |

## Final act

Regulation 1998/0782
OJ L 113 15.04.1998, p. 0006 Summary

# Fishery resources in the Mediterranean Sea: technical measures for the conservation (amend. Regulation (EC) No 1626/94)

1997/0237(CNS) - 10/12/1997 - Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report

The Committee approves the Commission proposal.

# Fishery resources in the Mediterranean Sea: technical measures for the conservation (amend. Regulation (EC) No 1626/94)

1997/0237(CNS) - 07/04/1998 - Final act

OBJECTIVE: to amend Regulation (EC) No 1626/94 to limit overexploitation of bluefin tuna in the Mediterranean. COMMUNITY MEASURE: Council Regulation (EC) No 782/98 amending Regulation (EC) No 1626/94 laying down certain technical measures for the conservation of fishery resources in the Mediterranean. SUBSTANCE: In response to the overexploitation of stocks of bluefin tuna in the Mediterranean, the Regulation introduces new limits on fishing, based on the recommendations of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tuna (ICCAT), the aim being to reduce fishing activity to levels which will be viable in the long term. In particular, the Regulation contains the following provisions: -it bans the use of aeroplanes or helicopters to detect the fish (a system which has dramatically improved the efficiency of fishing) between 1 and 30 June, -it bans the use of purse seines to fish for bluefin tuna in August, in order to reduce mortality among juveniles, -it applies specific rules on minimum landing sizes for bluefin tuna. ENTRY INTO FORCE: 16.04.1998.

# Fishery resources in the Mediterranean Sea: technical measures for the conservation (amend. Regulation (EC) No 1626/94)

1997/0237(CNS) - 13/03/1998 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

In adopting the report by Hugh McMAHON (PSE, UK) on the conservation of fishery resources in the Mediterranean, the European Parliament called for the transshipment at sea of species regulated by the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tuna (ICCAT) between vessels which do not belong to that organization and Community vessels to be prohibited. This amendment reflects the existing situation whereby third-country vessels can catch protected fish in the area concerned, thereby evading legislation. Parliament also called on the Commission to submit without delay a proposal for a Regulation embodying the ICCAT recommendations concerning an embargo on tuna imports from Honduras, Belize and Panama, these recommendations already being applicable to all parties to ICCAT.

# Fishery resources in the Mediterranean Sea: technical measures for the conservation (amend. Regulation (EC) No 1626/94)

1997/0237(CNS) - 19/09/1997 - Legislative proposal

OBJECTIVE : to amend Regulation (EC) No 1626/94, in order to avoid an excessive fishing pressure on bluefin tuna in the Mediterranean. SUBSTANCE: In view of the overexploitation of bluefin stocks in the Mediterranean, the Commission proposes that restrictive fisheries measures should be taken in line with the recommendations of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tuna (ICCAT), with the aim of bringing the fishery back to long-term sustainable levels. It is proposed to: - restrict the use of airborne fish-finding equipment (which has produced a dramatic increase in fishing efficiency), - ban the use of purse seines for tuna fishing in August, in order to reduce fishing mortality of juveniles, - implement specific rules on minimum landing sizes of bluefin tuna: 1.8 kg with no tolerance levels. However, a numerical tolerance of 15% is authorized for the current minimum landing size of 6.4 kg.