Basic information

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EC/Kiribati fisheries agreement: Western Pacific tuna fishing **Subject** 3.15.15.06 Fisheries agreements with Pacific countries **Geographical area** Kiribati	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
PECH Fisheries	MARINOS Ioannis (PPE-DE)	30/09/2002

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
BUDG Budgets	DÜHRKOP DÜHRKOP Bárbara (PSE)	21/01/2003
DEVE Development and Cooperation	MIRANDA Joaquim (GUE/NGL)	30/09/2002

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
Education, Youth, Culture and Sport	2503	2003-05-05

European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner
Maritime Affairs and Fisheries	

Key events

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06/12/2002	Legislative proposal published	COM(2002)0692	Summary
13/02/2003	Committee referral announced in Parliament		

18/03/2003	Vote in committee		Summary
18/03/2003	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A5-0065/2003	
08/04/2003	Decision by Parliament	T5-0138/2003	Summary
05/05/2003	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
06/05/2003	End of procedure in Parliament		
22/05/2003	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

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Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	International agreement
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European Parliament

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Final act

Regulation 2003/0874
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EC/Kiribati fisheries agreement: Western Pacific tuna fishing

2002/0281(CNS) - 06/12/2002 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE : to conclude an agreement between the EC and the Republic of Kiribati on fishing within the Kiribati fishing zone. CONTENT : Kiribati controls waters with excellent tuna resources. The text of this new bilateral tuna Agreement was initialled on 6 July 2002. The Protocol to the Agreement has been concluded for an initial period of three years. It establishes the following: - the concession of fishing possibilities by Kiribati for EC vessels must be compatible with the management decisions to be taken, on a regional basis, by the Central West Pacific nations in the context of the Palau Arrangement for the Management of the Western Pacific Purse Seine fishery. The EC fishing effort in Kiribati will have to be in line with appropriate tuna stock assessments based on scientific criteria, including the scientific overviews conducted yearly by the Secretariat of the Pacific Community; - as regards fishing possibilities, or the first year of application of the Agreement, 6 purse seine vessels and 12 surface long-liners will be allowed to fish. Starting from the second year, there will be a minimum of 4 purse seine vessels and 12 surface long-liners. Depending on the management decisions taken pursuant to the Palau Arrangement, the number of fishing licences for purse seine vessels may be increased upto 11 vessels, on a yearly basis; - the global financial contribution was fixed at EUR 546 000 for the first year and to a minimum of 416 000 for the second and third year for the application of the Protocol. Starting from the second year, the financial contribution may be increased by EUR 65 000/year for each additional purse seine vessel licence obtained according to the possibilities offered by Kiribati in line with the Palau Arrangement constraints. In the hypothesis of the acquisition of all additional purse seine licences, the total EC financial contribution could reach EUR 871 000. The Annex to the Agreement establishes monitoring and control of fishing activities. EC ship-owners must pay fishing fees of EUR 21 000 per purse seine vessel and EUR 4200 for each small long-liner vessel. Furthermore, EC ship-owners will be required to embark 2 Kiribati seamen per vessel and tranship at least 3 times per year in a Kiribati port. The draft Council Regulation sets out the method for allocating fishing opportunities among the Member States: i) purse seine vessels - France: 30% of available licences. Spain: 70% of available licences. ii)long-liners - Spain: 6 vessels. Portugal: 6 vessels.

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2002/0281(CNS) - 06/05/2003 - Final act

PURPOSE : to conclude the Agreement on fishing within the Kiribati fishing zone. COMMUNITY MEASURE : Council Regulation 874/2003/EC on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Kiribati on fishing within the Kiribati fishing zone. CONTENT : the Council adopted a Regulation on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Kiribati on fishing within the Kiribati fishing zone. This Agreement, which is valid for an initial period of five years and be renewed for further periods of two years, establishes fishing opportunities allocated among some EU Member States. France is being allocated a percentage of available licences for purse seine vessels. Spain and Portugal have a right for six vessels each for long-liners. Licence applications, which would not be filled, can be dispatched among other EU Member States. The Member States concerned must notify information on the catches to the Commission. In return for the fishing opportunities granted by Kiribati, the Community will provide a financial contribution paid to the Kiribati Government, equal to EUR 2.210.000 over five years (EUR 546.000 the first year and EUR 416.000 the following years). The total financial contribution corresponds to a catch within the Kiribati fishing zone of 8 400 tonnes of tuna for the first year and 6 400 tonnes of tuna per year for the following years. The fishing opportunities set out in the Protocol to the Agreement shall be allocated among the Member States as follows: a) purse seine vessels: - France: 27 % of available licences; - Spain: 73 % of available licences, b) long-liners: - Spain: 6 vessels, - Portugal: 6 vessels. The Agreement also states that if licence applications from these Member States do not cover all the fishing opportunities fixed by the Protocol, the Commission may consider licence applications from any other Member State. ENTRY INTO FORCE : 29 May 2003.

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2002/0281(CNS) - 08/04/2003 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted a resolution drafted by Ioannis MARINOS (EPP-ED, Greece) and amended the Proposal. (Please refer to the summary of 18/03/03).