Basic information

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Fisheries management: areas and resources of Atlantic waters, 1986 enlargement (amend. Regulation (EEC) No 2847/93) Amended by 2011/0195(COD) **Subject** 3.15.04 Management of fisheries, fisheries, fishing grounds	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
PECH Fisheries	STEVENSON Struan (PPE-DE)	23/01/2003

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
Economic and Financial Affairs ECOFIN	2537	2003-11-04
Agriculture and Fisheries	2534	2003-10-13
Agriculture and Fisheries	2516	2003-06-11
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European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner
Maritime Affairs and Fisheries	

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
16/12/2002	Legislative proposal published	COM(2002)0739	Summary
10/02/2003	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
20/05/2003	Vote in committee		Summary
20/05/2003	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A5-0165/2003	
03/06/2003	Debate in Parliament		
04/06/2003	Decision by Parliament	T5-0250/2003	Summary
11/06/2003	Debate in Council		

22/07/2003	Debate in Council		
04/11/2003	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
04/11/2003	End of procedure in Parliament		
07/11/2003	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2002/0295(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	Legislation
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Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	PECH/5/19006

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European Parliament

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Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A5-0165/2003	20/05/2003	
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European Commission

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Final act

Regulation 2003/1954
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Fisheries management: areas and resources of Atlantic waters, 1986 enlargement (amend. Regulation (EEC) No 2847/93)

2002/0295(CNS) - 04/11/2003 - Final act

PURPOSE : to introduce a new revised effort limitation scheme in Western Waters and to amend Regulation 2847/93/EC. LEGISLATIVE ACT : Council Regulation 1954/2003/EC on the management of the fishing effort relating to certain Community fishing areas and resources and modifying Regulation 2847/93/EC and repealing Regulations 685/95/EC and 2027/95/EC. CONTENT : the Council adopted by qualified majority, with Ireland and Spain voting against and Belgium abstaining, this Regulation on the management of the fishing effort relating to certain Community fishing areas and resources and modifying Regulation 2847/93/EC ("Western Waters"). This Regulation shall introduce a revised effort limitation scheme in Western Waters following the reform of the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP) and the full integration of Spain and Portugal into the CFP. The main elements of the political agreement are as follows: - establishment of a biologically sensitive area to replace the current "Irish Box" (which stretches 50 miles around the Irish coast); - establishment of a reference period (1998-2002) for drawing up the list of vessels authorised to fish; - establishment of a 100-mile protection zone for the outermost regions; - establishment of a kilowatt-day system to calculate the fleet's fishing effort; - establishment of a minimum size for vessels covered by the Regulation depending on the area (10 metres for biologically sensitive areas, 15 metres for other areas). ENTRY INTO FORCE : 14/11/2003.

Fisheries management: areas and resources of Atlantic waters, 1986 enlargement (amend. Regulation (EEC) No 2847/93)

2002/0295(CNS) - 16/12/2002 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE : to present the proposal for a Council Regulation on the management of the fishing effort relating to certain Community fishing areas and resources and modifying Regulation 2847/93/EEC. CONTENT : this proposal for a Council Regulation puts in place a new regime for fishing effort in Atlantic Waters, replacing the existing system, which was set out under Regulation 685/95/EC on the management of the fishing effort relating to certain Community fishing areas and resources, and of Regulation 2027/95/EC implementing a system of fishing effort management concerning certain Community fishing areas and resources. This regime should be now revised in the light of changes in the legal framework. The Commission is concerned that this legal uncertainty should not lead to problems between Member States or fishermen at sea. It is therefore necessary that the legislator acts as soon as possible to remove any discrimination on nationality between Member States still contained in the regulations, while maintaining efficient management of resources in the areas concerned. In the meantime Member States should act responsibly and co-operate in order to ensure the maintenance of conservation measures and the avoidance of disputes about fishing rights in the areas concerned. The new fishing effort regime proposed for the Atlantic waters takes account of these evolutions and is aimed at guaranteeing the stability of fishing effort levels in the Atlantic waters, on the basis of deployed fishing effort over a recent period by the vessels of all Member States. To achieve this objective the present proposal foresees the following: - the establishment of lists of fishing vessels authorised to exercise their fishing activities in the fisheries; - the evaluation and the setting of maximum fishing effort ceilings for demersal fisheries; - measures concerning the capture of pelagic species; - the establishment of conditions to exercise certain fishing activities; - the adaptation of the Fishing Effort Control Regime.

Fisheries management: areas and resources of Atlantic waters, 1986 enlargement (amend. Regulation (EEC) No 2847/93)

2002/0295(CNS) - 04/06/2003 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted a resolution making one amendment to the Commission's proposal. The rapporteur was Struan STEVENSON (EPP-ED, UK). The amendment stated that the Regulation recognised the vital importance of conservation zones in the development of a sustainable fisheries policy and accepts the key position of the Irish Box as one of the Union's most sensitive nursery and spawning grounds. Therefore Regulations 2847/93/EC and 685/95/EC will be maintained for a period of ten years. At the end of this period ICES and STECF will carry out a review to establish whether the policy of restricted access has assisted in meeting the objectives of the cod recovery plan in rebuilding endangered whitefish stocks.