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Conservation of fishery resources: cod, stock recovery	
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Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	PECH Fisheries	STIHLER Catherine (PSE)	20/05/2003
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meetings	Date
	Agriculture and Fisheries	2555	2003-12-18
	Agriculture and Fisheries	2524	2003-07-22
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	Maritime Affairs and Fisheries		

Key events			
Date	Event	Reference	Summary
06/05/2003	Legislative proposal published	COM(2003)0237	 Summary
02/06/2003	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
22/07/2003	Debate in Council		
02/10/2003	Vote in committee		Summary
02/10/2003	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A5-0341/2003	

23/10/2003	Decision by Parliament	T5-0452/2003	Summary
23/10/2003	Debate in Parliament		
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26/02/2004	End of procedure in Parliament		
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Technical information	
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Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	Legislation
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Amendments and repeals	Repealed by 2008/0063(CNS)
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Documentation gateway				
European Parliament				
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Final act			

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2003/0090(CNS) - 23/10/2003 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted the report by Mrs Catherine STIHLER (PES, UK). (Please refer to the previous text). In addition, a few other amendments were adopted by the Parliament such as : - the stipulation that Member States should be allowed to take further, non-discriminatory measures for the conservation and protection of marine fish stocks, provided they are consistent with the objectives of the Common Fisheries Policy. Such measures should have no impact on the allocation of quotas in accordance with the relative stability system once stocks have recovered and the Member State takes the view that fishing activities should resume; - the clarification that a day absent from port shall be a continuous or discontinuous period of 24 hours from the time of entry into a geographical area defined in Article 2. The number of days absent from port shall be calculated by dividing the number of hours absent from port by 24.

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2003/0090(CNS) - 06/05/2003 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE : to establish measures for the recovery of cod stocks. **CONTENT** : this Commission initiative follows on from previously made proposals regarding the conservation of cod and hake set out by the Commission in December 2001 and 2002. It also follows on from a Council request for a more definitive recovery plan to replace interim measures applied by a 2002 quota system. The overall objective of the proposal is to ensure the safe recovery of cod to scientifically assessed stock sizes based on the precautionary principle. The aim being to see sustainable stock sizes reached within a time frame of 5 to 10 years. In order to achieve these objectives the proposed Regulation is organised into four Chapters. Chapter I sets out which cod stocks are covered by this proposal and, for each, what their lowest stock size should be in line with the precautionary principle. Cod in the Irish Sea and Eastern Channel will be included in this recovery plan. The Commission remains firmly of the view that the level of cod stock remains serious and thus in need of stringent measures. Chapter II sets out the absolute minimum stock sizes below which scientists indicate that the stocks are in significant danger of total collapse. Guidelines set the level of Total Allowable Catch (TAC) based on estimations of actual stock sizes. Data for the guidelines is based on scientific advice. Chapter III contains provisions restricting the time that the fishing vessels concerned may spend fishing - to correspond with the TAC's. These proposals are a more simplified version of previous proposals. Essentially the provisions of Chapter III aim to offer greater flexibility to both Member States and fishermen in the management and allocation of the fishing regime. Chapter IV provides for measures in relation to improved monitoring, inspection and control for the vessels covered under the management system. This Chapter remains largely unchanged from previous proposals although the rules concerning the use of VMS have been removed, as they will be addressed in a new Regulation. Lastly is should be noted that the TAC for other species and stock associated with cod may be effected by the provisions of this Regulation. This proposal replaces the provisions set out in the modified proposal for a Council Regulation establishing measures for the recovery of cod and hake stocks. A proposal for the recovery of hake stock will be made separately.

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2003/0090(CNS) - 18/12/2003

The Council reached unanimous political agreement, the Belgian delegation having indicated its intention to abstain, on the Regulation establishing measures for the recovery of cod stocks, on the basis of an overall compromise prepared by the Presidency and supported by the Commission. The Council also reached a general approach, pending the European Parliament's opinion, on the Council Regulation establishing measures for the recovery of the Northern hake stock. Compared to the initial proposals, the political agreement reached and the general approach to the recovery plans include the following main changes: - the provisions on fishing effort limitation originally proposed in the recovery plan for the Northern hake stock are deleted; - the political agreement on cod establishes a fishing effort limitation arrangement based henceforth not on kilowatt-days but on fishing areas and fishing gear, as laid down in Annex V to the TACs and quotas Regulation (see above); - the mortality rate for determining the TAC applicable to Northern hake is now 0,25%. However, a TAC may not be adopted if, in the light of the most recent scientific advice from the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES), it is considered that it would lead to a decrease in mature stock biomass. The initial proposal determined the TAC on the basis of the increase in the quantities of mature fish; - prior notification of the competent authorities by the master of the vessel of the quantities of hake and cod landed applies solely to quantities of one tonne or over for cod and two tonnes or over for hake; a minimum threshold of 50 kilos is fixed below which prior notification does not apply, for all species in the case of cod and for regulated species only in the case of Northern hake; - the margin of tolerance for the quantities of hake and cod reported in the logbook is 8%; - regarding controls by a Member State's authorities on catches of hake and cod, provision is now made for a system of controls by representative sampling covering at least 20% of the landings, weighed in the presence of the State controllers, instead of systematic controls of all quantities fished.

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2003/0090(CNS) - 26/02/2004 - Final act

PURPOSE : to establish measures for the recovery of cod stocks. **LEGISLATIVE ACT** : Council Regulation 423/2004/EC. **CONTENT** : The Council adopted a Regulation establishing measures seeking to ensure the recovery of cod stocks from the Kattegat, the North Sea, including the Skagerrak

and the eastern Channel, to the west of Scotland and in the Irish Sea. The Regulation is based on a political agreement reached during the Council's meeting between 17 and 19 December. (Please refer to the previous document.) The Regulation states that the Total Allowable Catch (TACs) shall not exceed a level of catches which a scientific evaluation, carried out by the STECF, has indicated will result in an increase of 30 % in the quantities of mature fish in the sea at the end of the year of their application, compared to the quantities estimated to have been in the sea at the start of that year. The TACs will be complemented by a system of fishing effort limitation based on the geographical areas and groupings of fishing gear, and the associated conditions for the use of these fishing opportunities specified in Council Regulation 2287/2003/EC. ENTRY INTO FORCE : 16/03/04.