




Basic information	
2006/0169(CNS) CNS - Consultation procedure Regulation	Procedure completed
Conservation of fishery resources: uniform definition of drift nets Amending Regulation (EC) No 894/97 1991/0532(CNS) Amending Regulation (EC) No 812/2004 2003/0163(CNS) Amending Regulation (EC) No 2187/2005 2005/0014(CNS) Subject 3.15.01 Fish stocks, conservation of fishery resources 3.15.04 Management of fisheries, fisheries, fishing grounds	

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible		Rapporteur
	<div>PECH</div> Fisheries		MIGUÉLEZ RAMOS Rosa (PSE)
	Committee for opinion		Rapporteur for opinion
	<div>ENVI</div> Environment, Public Health and Food Safety		The committee decided not to give an opinion.
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meetings	Date
	Agriculture and Fisheries	2806	2007-06-11
	Environment	2812	2007-06-28
European Commission	Commission DG		Commissioner
	Maritime Affairs and Fisheries		BORG Joe

Key events			
Date	Event	Reference	Summary
19/09/2006	Legislative proposal published	COM(2006)0511 	Summary
12/10/2006	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
25/01/2007	Vote in committee		Summary

26/01/2007	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A6-0014/2007	
14/02/2007	Decision by Parliament	T6-0035/2007	Summary
14/02/2007	Results of vote in Parliament		
11/06/2007	Debate in Council		
28/06/2007	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
28/06/2007	End of procedure in Parliament		
12/07/2007	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2006/0169(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Regulation
Amendments and repeals	Amending Regulation (EC) No 894/97 1991/0532(CNS) Amending Regulation (EC) No 812/2004 2003/0163(CNS) Amending Regulation (EC) No 2187/2005 2005/0014(CNS)
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 037
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	PECH/6/40575

Documentation gateway				
European Parliament				
Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE380.962	28/11/2006	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE382.606	11/01/2007	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A6-0014/2007	26/01/2007	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T6-0035/2007	14/02/2007	Summary
European Commission				
Document type	Reference		Date	Summary
Legislative proposal	COM(2006)0511 		19/09/2006	Summary

Additional information		
Source	Document	Date

National parliaments	IPEX	
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act		
Regulation 2007/0809 OJ L 182 12.07.2007, p. 0001		Summary

Conservation of fishery resources: uniform definition of drift nets

2006/0169(CNS) - 19/09/2006 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to propose a new definition of “drift nets”.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Regulation

CONTENT: the Commission is proposing this Regulation in order to introduce a uniform definition of “drift nets” in all three legislative acts making mention of them. The three Regulations are: 894/97/EC, 812/2004/EC and 2187/2005/EC. Currently, all three Regulations restrict the use of drift nets, albeit that no precise definition of “drift net” yet exists.

The introduction of a uniform definition on drift nets should facilitate the control and enforcement of the current restrictions, which have been put in place. Further, a uniform definition will help clarify existing provision and help avoid unnecessary misunderstandings.

The proposed definition is as follows:

“Drift net means any gillnet held on the sea surface or at a certain distance below it by floating devices, drifting with the current either independently or with the boat to which it may be attached. It may be equipped with devices aiming to stabilise the net and/or to limit its drifting.”

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2006/0169(CNS) - 14/02/2007 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted a resolution drafted by Rosa **MIGUÉLEZ RAMOS** (PES, ES) approving the proposed regulation amending Regulations (EC) Nos. 894/1997, 812/2004 and 2187/2005 as concerns drift nets. The resolution was adopted by 663 votes in favour to 17 against with 10 abstentions.

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2006/0169(CNS) - 28/06/2007 - Final act

PURPOSE: to extend the definition of “drift nets” to three legislative acts.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Regulation (EC) No 809/2007 amending Regulations (EC) No 894/97 (EC), (EC) No 812/2004 and (EC) No 2187/2005 as concerns drift nets.

CONTENT: for the sake of clarity and in order to facilitate a uniform approach to monitoring, this Regulation introduces a uniform definition of “drift net” in three legislative acts, where previously there was none.

Specifically, the three legislative acts are:

- Council Regulation (EC) No 894/97 laying down technical measures for the conservation of fishery resources.
- Council Regulation (EC) No 812/2004 laying down measures concerning incidental catches of cetaceans in fishers.
- Council Regulation (EC) No 2187/2005 for the conservation of fishery resources through technical measures in the Baltic Sea, the Belts and the Oresund.

The definition set out in the revised acts is as follows:

“Drift net” means: any gillnet held on the sea surface or at a certain distance below it by floating devices, drifting with the current, either independently or with the boat to which it may be attached. It may be equipped with devices aiming to stabilise the net or to limit its drift.”

In the case of Council Regulation (EC) No 894/97 laying down technical measures for the conservation of fishery resources, the definition also states that:

"No vessel may keep on board, or use for fishing, one or more drift nets whose individual or total length is more than 2.5 km."

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 19 July 2007.