

Basic information	
2006/0240(CNS) CNS - Consultation procedure Decision	Procedure completed
Common Fisheries Policy (CFP): Regional Advisory Councils, Community financial aid Amending Decision 1999/311/EC 1998/0246(CNS) Subject 3.15.07 Fisheries inspectorate, surveillance of fishing vessels and areas	

Key players				
European Parliament	Committee responsible		Rapporteur	Appointed
	<div style="border: 1px solid red; display: inline-block; padding: 2px;">PECH</div> Fisheries		ATTWOOLL Elspeth (ALDE)	09/01/2007
	Committee for opinion		Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	<div style="border: 1px solid red; display: inline-block; padding: 2px;">BUDG</div> Budgets		The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration		Meetings	Date
	Agriculture and Fisheries		2806	2007-06-11
European Commission	Commission DG		Commissioner	
	Maritime Affairs and Fisheries		BORG Joe	

Key events			
Date	Event	Reference	Summary
27/11/2006	Legislative proposal published	COM(2006)0732 	Summary
01/02/2007	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
22/03/2007	Vote in committee		Summary
27/03/2007	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A6-0078/2007	
26/04/2007	Decision by Parliament	T6-0159/2007	Summary

26/04/2007	Results of vote in Parliament		
11/06/2007	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
11/06/2007	End of procedure in Parliament		
15/06/2007	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2006/0240(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Decision
Amendments and repeals	Amending Decision 1999/311/EC 1998/0246(CNS)
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 037
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	PECH/6/43583

Documentation gateway				
European Parliament				
Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE384.344	29/01/2007	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE386.326	05/03/2007	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A6-0078/2007	27/03/2007	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T6-0159/2007	26/04/2007	Summary
European Commission				
Document type	Reference	Date	Summary	
Legislative proposal	COM(2006)0732 	27/11/2006	Summary	
Document attached to the procedure	COM(2008)0364 	17/06/2008	Summary	

Additional information		
Source	Document	Date
National parliaments	IPEX	
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Common Fisheries Policy (CFP): Regional Advisory Councils, Community financial aid

2006/0240(CNS) - 11/06/2007 - Final act

PURPOSE: to establish Regional Advisory Councils under the Common Fisheries Policy.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Decision 2007/409/EC amending Decision 2004/585/EC establishing Regional Advisory Councils under the Common Fisheries Policy.

CONTENT: the Council adopted a Decision amending Decision 2004/585/EC establishing Regional Advisory Councils under the Common Fisheries Policy.

Regional Advisory Councils offer advice on the Common Fisheries Policy to the Commission and Member States and ensure effective involvement of stakeholders which is one of the essential pillars of the reformed Common Fisheries Policy and a prerequisite of good governance.

Consequently, the Council has amended the Decision 2004/585/EC as follows:

- a Regional Advisory Council which has acquired legal personality may apply for Community financial aid as a body pursuing an aim of general European interest within the meaning of Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2342/2002 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 on the financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities;
- the Commission shall sign a grant agreement with each Regional Advisory Council to cover their operational costs, including translation and interpretation costs;
- the Commission may carry out all verifications it considers necessary to ensure compliance with the tasks assigned by Regulation (EC) No 2371/2002 and this Decision to the Regional Advisory Councils.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 22 June 2007.

Common Fisheries Policy (CFP): Regional Advisory Councils, Community financial aid

2006/0240(CNS) - 17/06/2008 - Document attached to the procedure

Please see [2003/0238\(CNS\)](#)

Common Fisheries Policy (CFP): Regional Advisory Councils, Community financial aid

2006/0240(CNS) - 27/11/2006 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to amend Decision 2004/585/EC establishing Regional Advisory Councils under the Common Fisheries Policy.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

CONTENT: the Regional Advisory Councils (RACs) were established as a result of the reform of the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP), adopted in 2002. Council Decision 2004/585/EC defines a general framework for the functioning of the Regional Advisory Councils to ensure a consistent and balanced approach amongst them. The possibility of granting Community financial aid to RACs is one of the aspects included in this Decision.

Taking into account that RACs have been created by Council Regulation 2371/2002 and that the experience of the RACs proves that these new bodies are contributing positively to the development of the CFP (since their establishment, the Commission has received more than forty recommendations from RACs), they should be considered as bodies pursuing an aim of general European interest in the meaning of Article 162(b) of Commission Regulation 2342/2002/EC, Euratom laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation 1605/2002/EC, Euratom on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities.

Furthermore, experience has shown that the existing Regional Advisory Councils have difficulties with the current decreasing financial framework which will seriously hinder their ability to meet their objectives in the near future. Defining RACs as bodies pursuing an aim of European general interest would provide them with a stable financial framework enhancing their capacity to operate effectively. The new financial modalities will also simplify the management of the grants by merging the current two grants into a single grant for each Regional Advisory Council.

For more information concerning the financial implications of this proposal, please refer to the financial statement.

Common Fisheries Policy (CFP): Regional Advisory Councils, Community financial aid

2006/0240(CNS) - 26/04/2007 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted the resolution drafted by Elspeth **ATTWOOLL** (ALDE, UK) and approved the proposed decision amending Decision 2004/585/EC establishing Regional Advisory Councils under the Common Fisheries Policy.