

Basic information	
<p>2017/0348(COD)</p> <p>COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure) Regulation</p>	Procedure completed
<p>Fishing mortality ranges and safeguard levels for certain herring stocks in the Baltic Sea</p> <p>Amending Regulation (EU) 2016/1139 2014/0285(COD)</p> <p>Subject</p> <p>3.15.01 Fish stocks, conservation of fishery resources</p> <p>Geographical area</p> <p>Baltic Sea area</p>	

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	PECH Fisheries	CADEC Alain (PPE)	27/02/2018
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meetings	Date
	Agriculture and Fisheries	3624	2018-06-18
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	Maritime Affairs and Fisheries	VELLA Karmenu	
European Economic and Social Committee			

Key events			
Date	Event	Reference	Summary
18/12/2017	Legislative proposal published	COM(2017)0774 	Summary
15/01/2018	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		
24/04/2018	Vote in committee, 1st reading		
26/04/2018	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading	A8-0149/2018	Summary
29/05/2018	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading	T8-0205/2018	Summary
29/05/2018	Results of vote in Parliament		
18/06/2018	Act adopted by Council after Parliament's 1st reading		

04/07/2018	Final act signed		
04/07/2018	End of procedure in Parliament		
16/07/2018	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2017/0348(COD)
Procedure type	COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure)
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Regulation
Amendments and repeals	Amending Regulation (EU) 2016/1139 2014/0285(COD)
Legal basis	Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 043-p2
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 165
Mandatory consultation of other institutions	European Economic and Social Committee
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	PECH/8/11872

Documentation gateway				
European Parliament				
Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE618.322	01/03/2018	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A8-0149/2018	26/04/2018	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T8-0205/2018	29/05/2018	Summary
Council of the EU				
Document type	Reference	Date	Summary	
Draft final act	00023/2018/LEX	04/07/2018		
European Commission				
Document type	Reference	Date	Summary	
Legislative proposal	COM(2017)0774 	18/12/2017	Summary	
Other institutions and bodies				
Institution/body	Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
EESC	Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	CES0210/2018	14/02/2018	

Additional information		
Source	Document	Date
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act	
Regulation 2018/0976 OJ L 179 16.07.2018, p. 0076	Summary

Fishing mortality ranges and safeguard levels for certain herring stocks in the Baltic Sea

2017/0348(COD) - 26/04/2018 - Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading

The Committee on Fisheries adopted the report by Alain CADEC (EPP, FR) on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) 2016/1139 as regards fishing mortality ranges and safeguard levels for certain herring stocks in the Baltic Sea.

The committee recommended that the European Parliament adopt its position at first reading under the ordinary legislative procedure, taking over the Commission proposal.

As a reminder, the Commission proposal concerns a technical amendment to the management plan for the Baltic Sea, more specifically for herring in the Gulf of Bothnia.

It aims to amend Regulation (EU) 2016/1139 to ensure that fishing opportunities for Gulf of Bothnia herring stocks are determined in accordance with the updated conservation reference points following the scientific evaluation carried out by the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES).

Fishing mortality ranges and safeguard levels for certain herring stocks in the Baltic Sea

2017/0348(COD) - 29/05/2018 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 534 votes to 41, with 28 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) 2016/1139 as regards fishing mortality ranges and safeguard levels for certain herring stocks in the Baltic Sea.

The European Parliament adopted its position at first reading under the ordinary legislative procedure, **taking over the Commission proposal**.

The proposal aims to amend Regulation (EU) 2016/1139 to ensure that fishing opportunities for Gulf of Bothnia herring stocks are determined in accordance with the updated conservation reference points following the scientific evaluation carried out by the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES).

Fishing mortality ranges and safeguard levels for certain herring stocks in the Baltic Sea

2017/0348(COD) - 18/12/2017 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to safeguard the full reproductive capacity of certain herring stocks in the Baltic Sea.

PROPOSED ACT: Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council.

ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT: the European Parliament decides in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure on an equal footing with the Council.

BACKGROUND: following the reform of the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP), [Regulation \(EU\) 2016/1139](#) established a multiannual plan for cod, herring and sprat stocks in the Baltic Sea. The objective of the plan is to ensure that the exploitation of the stocks concerned restores and maintains populations of these stocks above the levels that achieve maximum sustainable yield (MSY).

The scientific evaluation of the Bothnian Sea herring stock and the Bothnian Bay herring stock conducted in 2017 by the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES) showed that those **two stocks are similar**. As a consequence, ICES combined the two stocks into one, changed the boundaries of its geographic distribution area and re-estimated the MSY fishing mortality ranges, as well as the relevant conservation reference points.

Regulation (EU) No 2016/1139 provides that where, on the basis of scientific advice, the Commission considers that the conservation reference points set out in Annex II to that Regulation no longer correctly express the objectives of the plan, those points, as a matter of urgency, may be submitted for the revision to the European Parliament and the Council.

CONTENT: the Commission proposes to urgently amend Regulation (EU) 2016/1139 to ensure that the fishing opportunities for Gulf of Bothnia herring stocks are determined in accordance with the updated conservation reference points following the scientific evaluation carried out by ICES.

Fishing mortality ranges and safeguard levels for certain herring stocks in the Baltic Sea

2017/0348(COD) - 04/07/2018 - Final act

PURPOSE: to safeguard the full reproductive capacity of certain herring stocks in the Baltic Sea.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Regulation (EU) 2018/976 of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) 2016/1139 as regards fishing mortality ranges and safeguard levels for certain herring stocks in the Baltic Sea.

CONTENT: [Regulation \(EU\) 2016/1139](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council establishes a multi-annual plan for cod, herring and sprat stocks in the Baltic Sea. The purpose of the plan is to contribute to the achievement of the objectives of the common fisheries policy and, in particular, to ensure that the exploitation of living marine biological resources restores and maintains populations of harvested species above levels which can produce maximum sustainable yield (MSY).

The scientific evaluation of the Bothnian Sea herring stock and the Bothnian Bay herring stock conducted in 2017 by the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES) showed that those two stocks are similar. As a consequence, ICES combined the two stocks into one, changed the boundaries of its geographic distribution area and re-estimated the MSY fishing mortality ranges, as well as the relevant conservation reference points.

This led to different stock definition and numerical values than the ones established in Regulation (EU) 2016/1139.

Accordingly, this Regulation introduces a technical amendment to Regulation (EU) 2016/1139 to ensure that fishing opportunities for **herring stocks in the Bothnian Bay** are fixed in accordance with updated conservation reference levels following the scientific assessment carried out by the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES).

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 17.7.2018.