Basic information

2020/0139(COD) COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure) Regulation	Procedure completed
Management, conservation and control measures applicable in the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Convention area Amending Regulation 2007/520 2006/0030(CNS) **Subject** 3.15.01 Fish stocks, conservation of fishery resources 3.15.04 Management of fisheries, fisheries, fishing grounds 3.15.15 Fisheries agreements and cooperation 3.70.01 Protection of natural resources: fauna, flora, nature, wildlife, countryside; biodiversity	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
PECH Fisheries	FERREIRA João (GUE/NGL)	15/09/2020
	Shadow rapporteur MONTEIRO DE AGUIAR Cláudia (EPP) CARVALHAIS Isabel (S&D) BILBAO BARANDICA Izaskun (Renew) ROOSE Caroline (Greens /EFA) STANCANELLI Raffaele (ECR)	

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
ENVI Environment, Public Health and Food Safety	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	

Council of the European Union

European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner
Maritime Affairs and Fisheries	SINKEVIČIUS Virginijus

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
14/07/2020	Legislative proposal published	COM(2020)0308	Summary
23/07/2020	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		
16/11/2020	Vote in committee, 1st reading		
23/11/2020	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading	A9-0231/2020	Summary
14/12/2020	Results of vote in Parliament		
15/12/2020	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading	T9-0340/2020	Summary
13/01/2021	Act adopted by Council after Parliament's 1st reading		
20/01/2021	Final act signed		
26/01/2021	End of procedure in Parliament		
26/01/2021	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2020/0139(COD)
Procedure type	COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure)
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Regulation
Amendments and repeals	Amending Regulation 2007/520 2006/0030(CNS)
Legal basis	Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 043-p2
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 165
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	PECH/9/03503

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE658.886	20/10/2020	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A9-0231/2020	23/11/2020	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T9-0340/2020	15/12/2020	Summary

Council of the EU

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Draft final act	00050/2020/LEX	20/01/2021	

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Legislative proposal	COM(2020)0308	14/07/2020	Summary

Other institutions and bodies

Institution/body	Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
EESC	Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	CES4492/2020	02/12/2020	

Additional information

Source	Document	Date
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act

Regulation 2021/0056
OJ L 024 26.01.2021, p. 0001

Management, conservation and control measures applicable in the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Convention area

2020/0139(COD) - 23/11/2020 - Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading

The Committee on Fisheries adopted the report by João FERREIRA (GUE/NGL, PT) on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down management, conservation, and control measures applicable in the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Convention area and amending Council Regulation (EU) N°520/2007.

The committee recommended that Parliament adopt its position at first reading, taking over the Commission's proposal.

The proposal to amend Council Regulation (EC) No 520/2007 aims to transpose into EU law the control, conservation and management measures adopted by the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC).

It lays down management, conservation and control measures for fisheries in the IATTC area and for stocks of tuna and tuna-like species, other species caught by vessels fishing for tuna and tuna-like species and species belonging to the same ecosystem. The regulation applies to EU vessels fishing in the IATTC convention area.

Management, conservation and control measures applicable in the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Convention area

2020/0139(COD) - 15/12/2020 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 663 votes to 17, with 15 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down management, conservation and control measures applicable in the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Convention area and amending Council Regulation (EU) No 520/2007.

Parliament adopted its position at first reading under the ordinary legislative procedure by taking over the proposal to amend Council Regulation (EC) No 520/2007 to transpose into EU law the control, conservation and management measures adopted by the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC).

The proposal aims to take into account changes that have occurred since the adoption of Council Regulation (EC) No 520/2007 but which have not yet been transposed into EU law. It lays down management, conservation and control measures relating to fishing in the IATTC area and to the stocks of tuna and tuna-like species, other species caught by vessels fishing for tuna and tuna-like species and species belonging to the same ecosystem. The regulation would apply to EU vessels fishing in the IATTC Convention area.

The proposed Regulation:

- deals with conservation and management measures, including provisions relevant to purse-seine vessels fishing for tropical tuna, prohibition of fishing on data buoys, provisions concerning fishing in the vicinity of Fish Aggregating Devices, their deployment, design and set of rules for transhipment in port;

- sets out measures designed to protect certain marine species present in the area covered by the IATTC Convention, such as oceanic white-tip, silky, and hammerhead sharks and mobulid rays. These measures include data provision and release duties, as well as measures related to the protection of sea turtles, seabirds and dolphins;

- contains provisions for the IATTC observer scheme: Member States should ensure that longline vessels flying their flag carry a scientific observer on board to cover at least 5 % of the fishing effort made by their vessels greater than 20 metres in length overall;

- sets vessel requirements, including those related to the IATTC Regional Vessel Register, to reporting duties and to the protocol for the sealing of wells;

- contains information on the reporting duties related to the data statistical programme, and requirements for the bigeye tuna document programme;

- provides for delegated powers granted to the Commission to cater for amendments to measures, which are expected to be frequent and to make sure that Union fishing vessels are put on equal footing with vessels of other Contracting Parties to the IATTC.

Management, conservation and control measures applicable in the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Convention area

2020/0139(COD) - 14/07/2020 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to transpose into EU law the control, conservation and management measures adopted by the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC).

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: the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC), to which the Union has been a contracting party since 2006, is the regional fisheries management organisation (RFMO) responsible for the management of resources of tuna and tuna-like species in the Eastern Pacific Ocean, established by the Convention for the Strengthening of the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission established by the 1949 Convention between the United States of America and the Republic of Costa Rica (the IATTC Convention).

The IATTC is empowered to adopt decisions (resolutions) to ensure the long-term conservation and sustainable use of fishery resources in the IATTC Convention Area. IATTC resolutions are binding on the Contracting Parties. They also impose obligations on private operators (e.g. vessel masters).

The EU has an average of three purse-seiners and thirty-some longliners operating in the IATTC Convention area. The main stocks targeted by the EU fleet are tropical tunas and swordfish.

The provisions of some IATTC Resolutions were last transposed through Title IV of Council Regulation (EC) No 520/2007 of 7 May 2007 laying down technical measures for the conservation of certain stocks of highly migratory species. The proposal aims to take into account changes that have occurred since the adoption of that Regulation but which have not yet been covered by EU law.

CONTENT: the proposal for amendment of Council Regulation (EC) No 520/2007 lays down management, conservation and control measures relating to fishing in the IATTC Convention Area and for stocks of tuna and tuna-like species, other species of fish caught by vessels fishing for tuna and tuna-like species and species belonging to the same ecosystem. The Regulation shall apply to EU vessels fishing in the IATTC Convention area.

The proposed Regulation:

- deals with conservation and management measures, including provisions relevant to purse-seine vessels fishing for tropical tuna, prohibition of fishing on data buoys, provisions concerning fishing in the vicinity of Fish Aggregating Devices, their deployment, design and set of rules for transhipment in port;

- sets out measures designed to protect certain marine species present in the area covered by the IATTC Convention, such as oceanic white-tip, silky, and hammerhead sharks and mobulid rays. These measures include data provision and release duties, as well as measures related to the protection of sea turtles and seabirds;

- contains provisions for the IATTC observer scheme;

- sets vessel requirements, including those related to the IATTC Regional Vessel Register, to reporting duties and to the protocol for the sealing of wells;

- contains information on the reporting duties related to the data statistical programme, and requirements for the bigeye tuna document programme;

- provides for delegated powers granted to the Commission to cater for amendments to measures, which are expected to be frequent and to make sure that Union fishing vessels are put on equal footing with vessels of other Contracting Parties to the IATTC.