Basic information

2021/0176(COD) COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure) Regulation	Procedure completed
Common fisheries policy (CFP): restrictions to the access to Union waters Amending Regulation 2013/1380 2011/0195(COD) **Subject** 3.15 Fisheries policy 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	Appointed
PECH Fisheries	KARLESKIND Pierre (Renew)	15/09/2021
	Shadow rapporteur VAN DALEN Peter (EPP) CARVALHAIS Isabel (S&D) ROOSE Caroline (Greens /EFA) RUISSEN Bert-Jan (ECR) PIMENTA LOPES João (The Left)	

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
DEVE Development	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
ENVI Environment, Public Health and Food Safety	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
REGI Regional Development	ANDROUËT Mathilde (ID)	13/07/2021

Council of the European Union

European

Commission DG	Commissioner

Commission	Maritime Affairs and Fisheries	SINKEVIČIUS Virginijus
European Economic and Social Committee		

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
05/07/2021	Legislative proposal published	COM(2021)0356	Summary
08/07/2021	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		
12/07/2022	Vote in committee, 1st reading		
12/07/2022	Committee decision to open interinstitutional negotiations with report adopted in committee		
14/07/2022	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading	A9-0206/2022	
12/09/2022	Committee decision to enter into interinstitutional negotiations announced in plenary (Rule 72)		
14/09/2022	Committee decision to enter into interinstitutional negotiations confirmed by plenary (Rule 72)		
26/10/2022	Approval in committee of the text agreed at 1st reading interinstitutional negotiations	GEDA/A/(2022)006681 PE737.502	
22/11/2022	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading	T9-0395/2022	Summary
22/11/2022	Results of vote in Parliament		
06/12/2022	Act adopted by Council after Parliament's 1st reading		
14/12/2022	Final act signed		
20/12/2022	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2021/0176(COD)
Procedure type	COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure)
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Regulation
Amendments and repeals	Amending Regulation 2013/1380 2011/0195(COD)
Legal basis	Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 043-p2
Mandatory consultation of other institutions	European Economic and Social Committee
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	PECH/9/06466

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE730.072	30/03/2022	
Committee opinion	REGI	PE699.292	22/04/2022	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE731.728	04/05/2022	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A9-0206/2022	14/07/2022	
Text agreed during interinstitutional negotiations		PE737.502	12/10/2022	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T9-0395/2022	22/11/2022	Summary

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Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Coreper letter confirming interinstitutional agreement	GEDA/A/(2022)006681	12/10/2022	
Draft final act	00056/2022/LEX	14/12/2022	

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Legislative proposal	COM(2021)0356	05/07/2021	Summary
Commission response to text adopted in plenary	SP(2022)718	01/02/2023	

National parliaments

Document type	Parliament/Chamber	Reference	Date	Summary
Contribution	IE_HOUSES-OF-OIREACHTAS	COM(2021)0356	09/11/2021	

Other institutions and bodies

Institution/body	Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
EESC	Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	CES4117/2021	22/09/2021	

Additional information		
Source	**Document**	**Date**
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Meetings with interest representatives published in line with the Rules of Procedure

Rapporteurs, Shadow Rapporteurs and Committee Chairs

Transparency

Name	Role	Committee	Date	Interest representatives
RUISSEN Bert-Jan	Shadow rapporteur	PECH	02/09/2022	Vissersbond + VisNed + Pelagic Freezer-trawler Association
KARLESKIND Pierre	Rapporteur	PECH	05/07/2022	BLOOM Association
RUISSEN Bert-Jan	Shadow rapporteur	PECH	30/06/2022	Vissersbond + VisNed + Pelagic Freezer-trawler Association
ROOSE Caroline	Shadow rapporteur	PECH	29/06/2022	BLOOM Association Organisation de producteurs "les pêcheurs normands"
KARLESKIND Pierre	Rapporteur	PECH	10/05/2022	BLOOM Association

Final act
Regulation 2022/2495 OJ L 325 20.12.2022, p. 0001

Common fisheries policy (CFP): restrictions to the access to Union waters

2021/0176(COD) - 05/07/2021 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to extend by ten years the period during which Member States may limit access to their waters under Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 on the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP).

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 and on an equal footing with the Council.

BACKGROUND: under Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 on the CFP, Member States are authorised to:

- restrict fishing to fishing vessels that traditionally fish in those waters from ports on the adjacent coast in waters up to 12 nautical miles from their baselines;

- restrict access to waters up to 100 nautical miles from the baselines of the Union outermost regions referred to in the first paragraph of Article 349 of the Treaty to vessels registered in the ports of those territories.

As these derogations are in place until 31 December 2022, the proposal aims to avoid a discontinuation of the specific access regime whose objective remains as valid today as it was in previous decades. This is due to the current conservation status of many stocks, the continued sensitivity of coastal waters for conservation and ongoing difficulties in coastal areas that are highly dependent on fisheries and unlikely to benefit from other economic development.

CONTENT: the proposal aims to **extend the existing derogations concerning restrictions on access to EU waters for a further 10 years** in order to ensure the continuity of the protective measures in force and to avoid disturbing the balance that has gradually developed following the introduction of this special regime.

The proposal also amends Annex I to Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 following the withdrawal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from the European Union and following a joint request by Italy and Greece concerning access for Italian vessels to the Ionian Sea, the Aegean Sea and the Libyan Sea.

Annex I fixes, for each Member State, the geographical zones within the coastal bands of other Member States where it may pursue fishing activities and which species it may fish.

Common fisheries policy (CFP): restrictions to the access to Union waters

2021/0176(COD) - 22/11/2022 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 608 votes to 13, with 9 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013, as regards restrictions to the access to Union waters.

The European Parliament adopted its position at first reading under the ordinary legislative procedure.

As a reminder, Member States are authorised to restrict fishing to fishing vessels that traditionally fish in those waters from ports on the adjacent coast in waters up to 12 nautical miles from their baselines. Member States are also authorised to restrict access to waters up to 100 nautical miles from the baselines of the Union outermost regions to vessels registered in the ports of those regions.

Existing rules restricting access to resources within the 12 nautical mile zones of Member States have benefitted conservation by restricting fishing effort in the most sensitive part of Union waters. Those rules have also preserved traditional fishing activities on which the social and economic development of certain coastal communities is highly dependent.

Existing rules restricting access to marine biological resources around the Union outermost regions have contributed to the preservation of the local economy of those regions, having regard to their structural, social and economic situation.

The purpose of this Regulation is to **extend beyond 31 December 2022** the existing derogations concerning restrictions to access to Union water for a **further period of ten years** beyond that date, in order to ensure continuity of the current protection measures and to avoid disrupting the balance that has been achieved since the introduction of this special regime. Those derogations are an integral part of the Common Framework Policy (CFP) and the duration and scope of that extension may be revised in the framework of any review of the CFP.

The Regulation also amends Annex I to Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 following the withdrawal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from the European Union and following a joint request by Italy and Greece concerning access of Italian fishing vessels to the 6-12 nautical mile zone of Greek territorial waters in the Ionian Sea and a proposal by Greece concerning access of Italian fishing vessels to the 6-12 nautical mile zone of the Greek Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ).

In a **joint statement** annexed to the legislative resolution, the Commission and the European Parliament took note of the fisheries situation in the Channel and the concerns raised by local and regional fisheries stakeholders, including fishers, regarding the use of demersal seines by numerous vessels. The Commission and the European Parliament encourage close cooperation between those stakeholders and initiatives from them and invite Member States to follow up, where relevant, with the submission of joint recommendations. The Commission will follow up with measures, where appropriate, including technical measures, based on consultations of stakeholders and an assessment by the relevant scientific bodies.

In the event that the Commission considers a review of the CFP Regulation, it will conduct an impact assessment, along the lines of the Better Regulation principles. The Commission will make available to the co-legislators the impact assessment at the moment it publishes such proposal. Alternatively, it will consider reporting on the implementation of the Common Fisheries Policy at the latest by 2032.