Basic information

2022/0111(COD) COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure) Regulation	Procedure completed
International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT): amendments to the management, conservation and control measures applicable in the Convention Area Amending Regulation 2017/2107 2016/0187(COD) Amending 2019/0272(COD) **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	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
PECH Fisheries	AGUILERA Clara (S&D)	12/10/2022
	Shadow rapporteur MATO Gabriel (EPP) BILBAO BARANDICA Izaskun (Renew) ROOSE Caroline (Greens /EFA) STANCANELLI Raffaele (ECR) TARDINO Annalisa (ID) PIMENTA LOPES João (The Left)	

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

European Economic and Social Committee

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
21/04/2022	Legislative proposal published	COM(2022)0171	Summary
02/05/2022	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		
24/10/2023	Vote in committee, 1st reading		
24/10/2023	Committee decision to open interinstitutional negotiations with report adopted in committee		
26/10/2023	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading	A9-0301/2023	Summary
08/11/2023	Committee decision to enter into interinstitutional negotiations announced in plenary (Rule 72)		
09/11/2023	Committee decision to enter into interinstitutional negotiations confirmed by plenary (Rule 72)		
29/11/2023	Approval in committee of the text agreed at 1st reading interinstitutional negotiations	PE757.018 GEDA/A/(2023)006684	
06/02/2024	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading	T9-0061/2024	Summary
06/02/2024	Results of vote in Parliament		
26/02/2024	Act adopted by Council after Parliament's 1st reading		
13/03/2024	Final act signed		
19/03/2024	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2022/0111(COD)
Procedure type	COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure)
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Regulation
Amendments and repeals	Amending Regulation 2017/2107 2016/0187(COD) Amending 2019/0272(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/9/08855

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE750.194	28/08/2023	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE753.743	03/10/2023	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A9-0301/2023	26/10/2023	Summary
Text agreed during interinstitutional negotiations		PE757.018	27/11/2023	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T9-0061/2024	06/02/2024	Summary

Council of the EU

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Coreper letter confirming interinstitutional agreement	GEDA/A/(2023)006684	27/11/2023	
Draft final act	00071/2023/LEX	13/03/2024	

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Legislative proposal	COM(2022)0171	21/04/2022	Summary
Commission response to text adopted in plenary	SP(2024)196	30/04/2024	

Other institutions and bodies

Institution/body	Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
EESC	Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	CES0101/2022	15/06/2022	

Additional information

Source	Document	Date
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act

Regulation 2024/0897
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International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT): amendments to the management, conservation and control measures applicable in the Convention Area

2022/0111(COD) - 21/04/2022 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to transpose into Union law the amendments to the conservation and enforcement measures adopted by the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) at its annual meetings in 2006, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2021.

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: the Union has been a Contracting Party to the International Convention for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (the 'ICCAT Convention') since 14 November 1997.

The ICCAT Convention establishes a framework for regional cooperation on the conservation and management of tunas and tuna-like species in the Atlantic Ocean and adjoining seas through the creation of ICCAT. ICCAT has the authority to adopt decisions (recommendations) on the conservation and management of fisheries under its purview, which are binding on the contracting parties.

CONTENT: this proposal concerns a number of amendments following ICCAT recommendations adopted in 2006, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 which need to be transposed into Union law.

The proposal amends Regulation (EU) 2017/2107 taking into account the most recent ICCAT recommendations on the following measures which are not yet transposed into Union law: measures on tropical tunas, northern and southern albacore, sailfish, blue and white marlin, billfish data reporting, shortfin mako sharks, as well as health and safety of observers in ICCAT regional observer programmes, responsibilities of scientific observers and updating the list of ICCAT species.

In addition, the proposal foresees amending the Regulation on the Multi-annual plan for the Bluefin Tuna with the Member States declaration on annual carry-over and certain caging provisions, as well as annual carry-over of bigeye tuna.

It is also proposed to amend the power of the Commission to amend Regulation (EU) 2017/2107 in line with subsequent amendments adopted by ICCAT.

International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT): amendments to the management, conservation and control measures applicable in the Convention Area

2022/0111(COD) - 26/10/2023 - Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading

The Committee on Fisheries adopted the report by Clara AGUILERA (S&D, ES) on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) 2017/2107 laying down management, conservation and control measures applicable in the Convention area of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) and Regulation (EU) .../2022 establishing a multiannual management plan for bluefin tuna in the eastern Atlantic and the Mediterranean.

The committee responsible recommended that the European Parliament's position adopted at first reading under the ordinary legislative procedure should amend the proposal as follows:

The report included the most updated ICCAT recommendations and consequently, many other amendments were included in order to transpose recommendations adopted during 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022 annual meetings that were not transposed yet.

Amendments were made to Regulation (EU) 2017/2107 in order to implement into Union law ICCAT measures for tropical tunas, Mediterranean albacore, North and Southern Atlantic albacore, sailfish, blue and white marlin, billfish data reporting, North and South Atlantic shortfin mako shark, by-catch of turtles, and provisions related to Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fishing, as well as an observer programme which includes responsibilities for scientific observers, and an updated list of ICCAT species.

Moreover, amendments were made to Regulation (EU) XX/2022 establishing a multiannual management plan for the bluefin tuna in the eastern Atlantic and the Mediterranean in order to implement into Union law bluefin tuna management provisions related to definitions, quota transfers, retention prohibition, sport and recreational fisheries, farms record, reporting, transfer authorisations, caging identifiers, caging authorisations, caging operations and their video monitoring, control of caging, harvesting control activities in the farms after caging.

International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT): amendments to the management, conservation and control measures applicable in the Convention Area

2022/0111(COD) - 06/02/2024 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 568 votes to 44, with 14 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) 2017/2107 laying down management, conservation and control measures applicable in the

Convention area of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) and Regulation (EU) …/2022 establishing a multiannual management plan for bluefin tuna in the eastern Atlantic and the Mediterranean.

Parliament's position adopted at first reading under the ordinary legislative procedure should amend the proposal as follows:

The International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) conservation and enforcement recommendations were last implemented into Union law through Regulations (EU) 2017/2107, (EU) 2023/2053 and (EU) 2023/2833 of the European Parliament and of the Council.

Since the adoption of Regulation (EU) 2017/2107, ICCAT adopted at its 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021 and 2022 annual meetings a number of legally binding measures for the conservation of fishery resources under its purview. Those measures concern matters covered, *inter alia*, by Regulations (EU) 2017 /2107 and (EU) 2023/2053.

Amendments were made to **Regulation (EU) 2017/2107** in order to implement into Union law ICCAT measures for tropical tunas, Mediterranean albacore, North and South Atlantic albacore, North and South Atlantic swordfish, North and South Atlantic shortfin mako sharks, blue marlin, white marlin, roundscale spearfish, and provisions related to data collection for sailfish, data collection and reporting for billfish, blue marlin, white marlin and roundscale spearfish, by-catch of turtles, the vessel monitoring system, ICCAT regional observers, responsibilities of scientific observers and illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing, as well as an updated list of ICCAT species, updated safe handling and release practices for sea turtles, the introduction of minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures for North and South Atlantic shortfin mako sharks, and guidelines for reducing the ecological impact of fish-aggregating devices (FADs).

The amended text also amends **Regulation (EU) 2023/2053** in order to implement into Union law ICCAT measures for bluefin tuna management with provisions related to definitions, quota transfers, retention prohibition, recreational fisheries, vessel lists, lists of traps and farms, ICCAT record of farms, reporting, transfers, transfer authorisations, caging identifiers, caging authorisations, caging operations and their video monitoring, control of caging, harvesting operations, harvesting control activities in the farms after caging, and enforcement, as well as national observer programmes and ICCAT regional observer programme, rules on treatment of dead or lost fish, the procedure for sealing operations of transport cages, and the template for processing declaration and harvesting declaration.

The Commission will be empowered to amend Regulation (EU) 2017/2107 by means of delegated acts in accordance with subsequent amendments adopted by ICCAT. The delegated acts provided for in this Regulation are without prejudice to the implementation of future ICCAT recommendations into Union law through the ordinary legislative procedure.