





Basic information	
2024/0263(NLE) NLE - Non-legislative enactments	Procedure completed
EU/Greenland/Denmark Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement. Implementing Protocol (2025-2030) Accompanying procedure 2024/0263M(NLE)	
Subject 3.15.15.08 Fisheries agreements with Northern and Baltic countries 4.70.06 Outlying and outermost regions, overseas countries and territories Geographical area Denmark Greenland	

Key players			
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Key events			
Date	Event	Reference	Summary
17/10/2024	Preparatory document	COM(2024)0479 	Summary
18/12/2024	Legislative proposal published	14652/2024	Summary
10/02/2025	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
20/05/2025	Vote in committee		
28/05/2025	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A10-0099/2025	Summary
08/07/2025	Decision by Parliament	T10-0142/2025	Summary
08/07/2025	Results of vote in Parliament		
26/09/2025	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
06/10/2025	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2024/0263(NLE)
Procedure type	NLE - Non-legislative enactments
Procedure subtype	Consent by Parliament
Amendments and repeals	Accompanying procedure 2024/0263M(NLE)
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 58 Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 043-p2 Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 218-p7 Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 218-p6a
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 165
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	PECH/10/01221

Documentation gateway				
European Parliament				
Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee opinion	<div>BUDG</div>	PE766.950	19/02/2025	
Committee draft report		PE770.025	24/02/2025	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A10-0099/2025	28/05/2025	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T10-0142/2025	08/07/2025	Summary
Council of the EU				

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Legislative proposal	14652/2024	18/12/2024	Summary
European Commission			
Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Preparatory document	COM(2024)0479 	17/10/2024	Summary
Document attached to the procedure	COM(2024)0481 	17/10/2024	

Final act

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EU/Greenland/Denmark Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement. Implementing Protocol (2025-2030)

2024/0263(NLE) - 17/10/2024 - Preparatory document

PURPOSE: to approve, on behalf of the European Union, the Implementing Protocol (2025-2030) to the Protocol implementing the Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union on the one hand, and the Government of Greenland and the Government of Denmark, on the other hand.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT: Council may adopt the act only if Parliament has given its consent to the act.

CONTENT: the Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement (SPFA) between the European Union on the one part, and the Government of Greenland and the Government of Denmark, on the other part has been signed on 22 April 2021 and entered into provisional application on that date. It shall apply for six years from the date of its provisional application and is tacitly renewable for additional periods of six years and is therefore still in force. The previous 4-year Implementing Protocol to the Agreement has been provisionally applied from the moment of its signature on and will expire after four years on 21 April 2025.

On 13 June 2024, the Council authorised the Commission to open negotiations for a new Protocol to the SFPA.

The Commission conducted negotiations with Greenland on concluding a new Implementing Protocol to the Agreement. The objective is to allow Union vessels to access the fishing zone Greenland and to fish for demersal species (Cod, Redfish, Halibut, Prawns, Grenadiers) and small pelagic species (Capelin). Following these negotiations, a new text of the Implementing Protocol was initialled on 20 September 2024.

The new Protocol covers a period of 6 years.

CONTENT: the purpose of this proposal is to conclude, on behalf of the European Union, the Implementing Protocol (2025-2030) to the Protocol implementing the Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union on the one hand, and the Government of Greenland and the Government of Denmark, on the other hand.

The main aim of the new Protocol to the Agreement is to provide an updated framework that takes into account the priorities of the common fisheries policy (CFP) and the external dimension. This will help maintain and strengthen the strategic partnership between the European Union and Greenland.

Another objective is to enhance cooperation between the Union and Greenland by implementing the partnership framework for the Agreement in order to promote a sustainable fisheries policy and the responsible exploitation of fishery resources in the waters of Greenland, in the interest of both Parties.

Fishing opportunities

The new Protocol provides for the following fishing opportunities:

- Cod in ICES Subareas II, V, XII, XIV: 2 050 tonnes per year;

- Pelagic redfish (REB) in ICES Subareas XII, XIV and in NAFO 1F: 0 tonnes per year;
- Demersal redfish (RED) in ICES Subareas II, V, XII, XIV: 2 100 tonnes per year;
- Greenland Halibut in NAFO Subarea 1 — South of 68° North: 1 900 tonnes per year;
- Greenland Halibut in ICES Subareas II, V, XII & XIV: 4 775 tonnes per year;
- Northern Prawn in NAFO Subarea 1: 2 431 per year;
- Northern Prawn in ICES Subareas II, V, XII, XIV: 4 150 per year;
- Capelin in ICES Subareas II, V, XII, XIV: 13 000 tonnes per year;
- Mackerel in ICES Subareas II, V, XII, XIV: 0 tonnes per year.

The fishing opportunities for Pelagic Redfish are set at 0 tonnes because of the negative scientific advice on the state of the stocks and in the case of Mackerel because of the absence of a regional sharing arrangement.

Financial contribution

The annual financial contribution from the European Union is EUR 17 296 857, based on:

- a) an annual amount for access to fishery resources for the categories provided for in the Protocol, set at EUR 14 096 857 for the duration of the Protocol;
- b) support for the development of Greenland's sectoral fisheries policy amounting to EUR 3 200 000 per year for the duration of the Protocol. This support meets the objectives of Greenland's national policy on the sustainable management of their maritime fishery resources for the entire duration of the Protocol.

The annual amount for commitment and payment appropriations is established during the annual budgetary procedure, including for the reserve line for protocols not yet having entered into force at the beginning of the year.

EU/Greenland/Denmark Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement. Implementing Protocol (2025-2030)

2024/0263(NLE) - 18/12/2024 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to approve, on behalf of the European Union, the Implementing Protocol (2025-2030) to the Protocol implementing the Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union on the one hand, and the Government of Greenland and the Government of Denmark, on the other hand.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT: Council may adopt the act only if Parliament has given its consent to the act.

BACKGROUND: in accordance with a Council Decision, the Protocol on the implementation of the Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union, of the one part, and the Government of Greenland and the Government of Denmark, of the other part (2025–2030) was signed, subject to its conclusion at a later date.

It is now necessary to approve the Protocol.

PURPOSE: the draft Council Decision concerns the approval, on behalf of the Union, of the Protocol on the implementation of the Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union, of the one part, and the Government of Greenland and the Government of Denmark, of the other part (2025–2030).

Objectives

The objectives of the Protocol are to enable Union vessels to fish in the fishing zone of Greenland and to enable the Union and Greenland to work closely together to further promote the development of a sustainable fisheries policy and the responsible exploitation of fishery resources in the fishing zone of Greenland. That cooperation will also contribute to decent working conditions in the fisheries sector.

Joint committee

A Joint committee is established which is responsible for monitoring the application of the Agreement and the Protocol. That committee has the power to approve certain amendments to the Protocol. These amendments may concern the following issues:

- adjustment of the fishing opportunities and, as a consequence, of the financial contribution;
- sectoral support arrangements;

- the technical conditions and arrangements under which Union vessels carry out their fishing activities.

In order to facilitate the approval of such amendments, the Commission should be empowered, subject to substantive and procedural conditions, to approve them on behalf of the Union under a simplified procedure. The Union's position on proposed amendments to the Protocol should be established by the Council. The proposed amendments should be approved unless a blocking minority of Member States objects to them.

EU/Greenland/Denmark Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement. Implementing Protocol (2025-2030)

2024/0263(NLE) - 28/05/2025 - Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading

The Committee on Fisheries adopted the report by Emma FOURREAU (GUE/NGL, FR) on the recommendation on the proposal for a Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Implementing Protocol (2025-2030) to the Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Government of Greenland and the Government of Denmark.

The committee responsible recommended that the European Parliament **give its consent** to the conclusion of the agreement.

At the end of 2024, Greenland and the European Union signed a new implementation protocol for the Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement (SFPA) (2025-2030). This is a mixed agreement that allows EU vessels to fish for species such as cod, Greenlandic halibut, redfish, and Northern prawn. In return, the EU provides a financial contribution of EUR 17 296 857 million per year, including EUR 14 096 857 in access fees and EUR 3 200 000 dedicated to supporting and implementing Greenland's fisheries policy, in addition to fees paid by shipowners.

The fisheries agreement has allowed around ten EU vessels to operate in the autonomous territory's waters in recent years. The new protocol details the rules and provisions governing this access.

The newly signed protocol applies for six years. It includes provisions governing access to waters for European vessels and cooperation with Greenland: fishing opportunities, bycatches, scientific cooperation, monitoring, control, surveillance, fishing areas, observers, etc.

A specific characteristic of the agreement is that catches are regulated on the basis of fishing opportunities that are set annually. The programming of sectoral support will be adopted within 3 months of the implementation of the protocol.

At the same time, a [report](#) containing a proposal for a non-legislative resolution on the draft Council decision was adopted.

EU/Greenland/Denmark Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement. Implementing Protocol (2025-2030)

2024/0263(NLE) - 08/07/2025 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 616 votes to 29, with 36 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the draft Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the Union, of the Protocol on the implementation of the Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union, of the one part, and the Government of Greenland and the Government of Denmark, of the other part (2025-2030).

The European Parliament **gave its consent** to the conclusion of the Agreement.

At the end of 2024, Greenland and the European Union signed a new Protocol on the implementation of the Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement (SFPA) (2025-2030). This is a mixed agreement that allows the European Union's vessels to fish species such as cod, Greenland halibut, redfish and Northern prawn. In return, the European Union pays a financial contribution of EUR 17 296 857 per annum, comprising EUR 14 096 857 for access rights and EUR 3 200 000 for support and implementation of Greenland's fisheries policy, plus the fees paid by vessel owners.

The new Protocol that has been signed has a term of six years. It contains provisions aimed at providing a framework for access to waters by European vessels and cooperation with Greenland: fishing opportunities, bycatch, scientific cooperation, monitoring, controls, surveillance, fishing areas, observers etc.

In parallel, a [non-legislative resolution](#) on the draft Council decision has been adopted.