

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

Key players			
European Parliament	<b>Committee responsible</b>	<b>Rapporteur</b>	<b>Appointed</b>
	<span style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px;">PECH</span> Fisheries	FOURREAU Emma (The Left)	18/12/2024
Council of the European Union			
European Commission	<b>Commission DG</b>	<b>Commissioner</b>	
	Maritime Affairs and Fisheries	KADIS Costas	

Key events			
Date	Event	Reference	Summary
13/02/2025	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
20/05/2025	Vote in committee		
06/06/2025	Committee report tabled for plenary	<a href="#">A10-0103/2025</a>	<a href="#">Summary</a>
08/07/2025	Decision by Parliament	<a href="#">T10-0143/2025</a>	<a href="#">Summary</a>
08/07/2025	Results of vote in Parliament		
26/09/2025	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		

Technical information	

Procedure reference	2024/0263M(NLE)
Procedure type	NLE - Non-legislative enactments
Procedure subtype	Motion for a resolution under consent procedure
Amendments and repeals	Accompanying procedure <a href="#">2024/0263(NLE)</a>
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 58
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	PECH/10/01990

Documentation gateway				
European Parliament				
Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		<a href="#">PE770.034</a>	24/02/2025	
Amendments tabled in committee		<a href="#">PE771.968</a>	26/03/2025	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		<a href="#">A10-0103/2025</a>	06/06/2025	<a href="#">Summary</a>
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		<a href="#">T10-0143/2025</a>	08/07/2025	<a href="#">Summary</a>
European Commission				
Document type		Reference	Date	Summary
Commission response to text adopted in plenary		<a href="#">SP(2025)09-26</a>	26/09/2025	

Additional information		
Source	Document	Date
European Commission	<a href="#">EUR-Lex</a>	

## 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
<a href="#">FOURREAU Emma</a>	Rapporteur	<a href="#">PECH</a>	03/02/2025	Ministère des pêches Groenlandais
<a href="#">FOURREAU Emma</a>	Rapporteur	<a href="#">PECH</a>	28/01/2025	Arctic Monitoring and Assessment Program (AMAP)

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

The European Parliament adopted by 561 votes to 109, with 11 abstentions, a non-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).

### ***Background and general principles of the APPD***

The resolution noted the importance of the fisheries sector for Greenland, given that seafood exports account for more than 90% of the autonomous territory's total exports, and that fishing and the fishing industry together account for 15% of total employment. Recalling Greenland's geostrategic position in the Arctic, Members stressed the importance of the SFPA for EU-Greenland relations in the current geopolitical context, particularly in light of the diplomatic and geopolitical tensions recently caused by the new US government, but also in the context of the climate crisis and its impact on the region.

Parliament stressed that, while ensuring fishing opportunities for the EU fleet, the SFPA should contribute to **the exploitation of fishery resources within sustainable limits** and to the preservation of marine biodiversity in Greenland waters, in order to achieve economic, social and environmental benefits.

**The sectoral support** available under the Protocol will help the Government of Greenland implement its national fisheries and maritime economy strategy, including combating illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing, while promoting decent working conditions in fishing activities. The six-year duration of the new Protocol improves visibility for stakeholders. In addition, the total financial contribution paid by the Union and the fees paid by fishing operators are increased.

### ***Sustainability of fishing within the framework of the APPD***

While welcoming the robust monitoring system, the comprehensive bycatch management framework and the discard ban in Greenland waters, Members reiterated their concerns about the **lack of accurate scientific data** on the state of fish stocks.

Members regretted, in particular, the situation of the **Northern prawn**, targeted by both Greenland vessels and Community vessels. They are concerned about the exploitation of the Northern prawn, particularly in parts of West Greenland, where stocks are showing signs of decline due to fishing pressure, global warming and increased predation by cod. They stressed the importance of **strengthening sustainable management measures**, including adjusting catch quotas in line with scientific advice from ICES and NAFO, and improving fishing practices to reduce bycatch and preserve the marine ecosystem. The Commission is called upon to further cooperate with the Greenlandic authorities to ensure sustainable and balanced exploitation of this resource, which is essential to the local economy.

### ***Improving scientific advice and data collection***

Recalling that robust and reliable data are needed to calculate the available surplus, Members expressed concern about **existing gaps for some stocks**. In this regard, they recommended that particular attention be paid to the calculation of available surpluses.

Noting that data on benthic habitats in the Greenland Sea ecoregion are limited, the resolution stressed the need for more comprehensive scientific data to map these habitats and to take appropriate measures, including technical and spatial measures to **mitigate the impacts of fishing on these ecosystems**. Members recalled the importance of vessel monitoring systems to monitor fishing activities and called for further assessment of the impacts on fish stocks of other activities affecting the ecosystems, such as maritime transport, seismological research, pollution and climate change.

### ***Support for fisheries policy in Greenland***

Parliament noted that the SFPA has generated employment opportunities for Greenlandic nationals and that sectoral support provides significant environmental, social, and economic benefits to Greenland. However, it highlighted the **low proportion of landings** carried out by the EU fleet in Greenland and the limited number of Greenlandic seafarers on EU vessels. Members encouraged the operators to maintain good cooperation and further increase employment opportunities.

The resolution encouraged the Commission and Greenland to provide further **support to Greenland's small-scale coastal fisheries** and supported the inclusion and participation of Greenlandic **fishing communities** and civil society in the implementation of the SFPA.

Lastly, Members stressed the importance of repositioning the fisheries agreement in the **broader context of post-Brexit fisheries governance** and regional fisheries management, relations between the European Union and Norway, and other coastal states, in the area of fisheries and the European Union's policy on the Arctic. They considered it essential to maintain a strong and productive partnership with Greenland and its Nordic neighbours.

At the same time, it is worth noting the adoption of a [report](#) on the Council's proposal for a decision.

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

2024/0263M(NLE) - 06/06/2025 - Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading

The Committee on Fisheries adopted the report by Emma FOURREAU (GUE/NGL, FR) containing a motion for a non-legislative resolution 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.

### ***Background and general principles of the APPD***

The report noted the importance of the fisheries sector for Greenland, given that seafood exports account for more than 90% of the autonomous territory's total exports, and that fishing and the fishing industry together account for 15% of total employment. Members stressed **the importance of the SFPA for EU-Greenland relations** in the current geopolitical context, particularly in light of the diplomatic and geopolitical tensions recently caused by the new US government, but also in the context of the climate crisis and its impact on the region.

The report highlighted the importance of using the SFPA as a **central platform** to address common challenges, such as the climate crisis and geopolitical, security, and preparedness concerns, to promote sustainable fisheries policy, scientific cooperation, and environmental resilience in Arctic waters, as well as to foster economic cooperation. It stressed the need to **strengthen the EU's Arctic policy** and its cooperation with the Government of Greenland.

#### ***Sustainability of fishing within the framework of the APPD***

While welcoming the robust monitoring system, the comprehensive bycatch management framework and the discard ban in Greenland waters, Members reiterated their concerns about **the lack of accurate scientific data** on the state of fish stocks.

Members are concerned about the exploitation of the Northern **prawn**, particularly in parts of West Greenland, where stocks are showing signs of decline due to fishing pressure, global warming and increased predation by cod. They stressed the importance of **strengthening sustainable management measures**, including adjusting catch quotas in line with scientific advice from ICES and NAFO, and improving fishing practices to reduce bycatch and preserve the marine ecosystem.

#### ***Improving scientific advice and data collection***

Recalling that robust and reliable data are needed to calculate the available surplus, Members expressed concern about **existing gaps for some stocks**. In this regard, they recommended that particular attention be paid to the calculation of available surpluses.

Noting that data on benthic habitats in the Greenland Sea ecoregion are limited, the report called on the Greenland authorities to consider devoting part of the sectoral support to strengthening the mapping and **detection of species in the vulnerable marine ecosystem**. It also called on the Commission and Greenland to provide a further assessment of the impacts on fish stocks of other activities affecting the ecosystems, such as maritime transport, seismological research, pollution and climate change.

#### ***Support for fisheries policy in Greenland***

The report noted that the SFPA has generated employment opportunities for Greenlandic nationals and that sectoral support provides significant environmental, social, and economic benefits to Greenland. However, it highlighted the **low proportion of landings** carried out by the EU fleet in Greenland and the limited number of Greenlandic seafarers on EU vessels. Members encouraged the operators to maintain good cooperation and further increase employment opportunities.

The report encouraged the Commission and Greenland, within the framework of the SFPA, to provide **further support to Greenland's small-scale coastal fisheries**. Sectoral support can contribute to securing the livelihoods of coastal fishing communities through such measures as, but not limited to, access to training, support for co-management in coastal areas or measures to adapt fishing activities to climate change and improve data. Members support the appropriate inclusion of **Greenland's fishing communities** and civil society throughout the process leading to the adoption of the protocols.

Lastly, Members stressed the importance of repositioning the fisheries agreement in the **broader context of post-Brexit fisheries governance** and regional fisheries management, relations between the European Union and Norway, and other coastal states, in the area of fisheries and the European Union's policy on the Arctic. They consider it essential to maintain a strong and productive partnership with Greenland and its Nordic neighbours.

At the same time, it is worth noting the adoption of a [report](#) on the Council's proposal for a decision.