

Basic information	
<b>2006/0169(CNS)</b> CNS - Consultation procedure Regulation	Procedure completed
Conservation of fishery resources: uniform definition of drift nets  Amending Regulation (EC) No 894/97 <a href="#">1991/0532(CNS)</a> Amending Regulation (EC) No 812/2004 <a href="#">2003/0163(CNS)</a> Amending Regulation (EC) No 2187/2005 <a href="#">2005/0014(CNS)</a>  <b>Subject</b>  3.15.01 Fish stocks, conservation of fishery resources 3.15.04 Management of fisheries, fisheries, fishing grounds	

Key players				
European Parliament	<b>Committee responsible</b>		<b>Rapporteur</b>	<b>Appointed</b>
	<a href="#">PECH</a> Fisheries		MIGUÉLEZ RAMOS Rosa (PSE)	24/10/2006
	<b>Committee for opinion</b>		<b>Rapporteur for opinion</b>	<b>Appointed</b>
	<a href="#">ENVI</a> Environment, Public Health and Food Safety		The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
Council of the European Union	<b>Council configuration</b>		<b>Meetings</b>	<b>Date</b>
	Agriculture and Fisheries		2806	2007-06-11
	Environment		2812	2007-06-28
European Commission	<b>Commission DG</b>		<b>Commissioner</b>	
	Maritime Affairs and Fisheries		BORG Joe	

Key events			
Date	Event	Reference	Summary
19/09/2006	Legislative proposal published	COM(2006)0511 	Summary
12/10/2006	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
25/01/2007	Vote in committee		Summary
26/01/2007	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	<a href="#">A6-0014/2007</a>	
14/02/2007	Decision by Parliament	<a href="#">T6-0035/2007</a>	Summary

14/02/2007	Results of vote in Parliament		
11/06/2007	Debate in Council		
28/06/2007	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
28/06/2007	End of procedure in Parliament		
12/07/2007	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
<b>Procedure reference</b>	2006/0169(CNS)
<b>Procedure type</b>	CNS - Consultation procedure
<b>Nature of procedure</b>	Legislation
<b>Legislative instrument</b>	Regulation
	Amending Regulation (EC) No 894/97 <a href="#">1991/0532(CNS)</a> Amending Regulation (EC) No 812/2004 <a href="#">2003/0163(CNS)</a> Amending Regulation (EC) No 2187/2005 <a href="#">2005/0014(CNS)</a>
<b>Legal basis</b>	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 037
<b>Stage reached in procedure</b>	Procedure completed
<b>Committee dossier</b>	PECH/6/40575

Documentation gateway				
<b>European Parliament</b>				
Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		<a href="#">PE380.962</a>	28/11/2006	
Amendments tabled in committee		<a href="#">PE382.606</a>	11/01/2007	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">A6-0014/2007</a>	26/01/2007	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">T6-0035/2007</a>	14/02/2007	<a href="#">Summary</a>
<b>European Commission</b>				
Document type	Reference	Date	Summary	
Legislative proposal	<a href="#">COM(2006)0511</a> 	19/09/2006	<a href="#">Summary</a>	

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

Final act

## Conservation of fishery resources: uniform definition of drift nets

2006/0169(CNS) - 19/09/2006 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to propose a new definition of "drift nets".

PROPOSED ACT: Council Regulation

CONTENT: the Commission is proposing this Regulation in order to introduce a uniform definition of "drift nets" in all three legislative acts making mention of them. The three Regulations are: 894/97/EC, 812/2004/EC and 2187/2005/EC. Currently, all three Regulations restrict the use of drift nets, albeit that no precise definition of "drift net" yet exists.

The introduction of a uniform definition on drift nets should facilitate the control and enforcement of the current restrictions, which have been put in place. Further, a uniform definition will help clarify existing provision and help avoid unnecessary misunderstandings.

The proposed definition is as follows:

"Drift net means any gillnet held on the sea surface or at a certain distance below it by floating devices, drifting with the current either independently or with the boat to which it may be attached. It may be equipped with devices aiming to stabilise the net and/or to limit its drifting."

## Conservation of fishery resources: uniform definition of drift nets

2006/0169(CNS) - 14/02/2007 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted a resolution drafted by Rosa **MIGUÉLEZ RAMOS** (PES, ES) approving the proposed regulation amending Regulations (EC) Nos. 894/1997, 812/2004 and 2187/2005 as concerns drift nets. The resolution was adopted by 663 votes in favour to 17 against with 10 abstentions.

## Conservation of fishery resources: uniform definition of drift nets

2006/0169(CNS) - 28/06/2007 - Final act

PURPOSE: to extend the definition of "drift nets" to three legislative acts.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Regulation (EC) No 809/2007 amending Regulations (EC) No 894/97 (EC), (EC) No 812/2004 and (EC) No 2187/2005 as concerns drift nets.

CONTENT: for the sake of clarity and in order to facilitate a uniform approach to monitoring, this Regulation introduces a uniform definition of "drift net" in three legislative acts, where previously there was none.

Specifically, the three legislative acts are:

- Council Regulation (EC) No 894/97 laying down technical measures for the conservation of fishery resources.
- Council Regulation (EC) No 812/2004 laying down measures concerning incidental catches of cetaceans in fishers.
- Council Regulation (EC) No 2187/2005 for the conservation of fishery resources through technical measures in the Baltic Sea, the Belts and the Oresund.

The definition set out in the revised acts is as follows:

"Drift net" means: any gillnet held on the sea surface or at a certain distance below it by floating devices, drifting with the current, either independently or with the boat to which it may be attached. It may be equipped with devices aiming to stabilise the net or to limit its drift."

In the case of Council Regulation (EC) No 894/97 laying down technical measures for the conservation of fishery resources, the definition also states that:

"No vessel may keep on board, or use for fishing, one or more drift nets whose individual or total length is more than 2.5 km."

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 19 July 2007.