

Procedure file

Basic information		
CNS - Consultation procedure Decision	1995/0186(CNS)	Procedure completed
Convention on fisheries and the conservation of fish stocks in the Baltic Sea and the Belts		
Subject 3.15.01 Fish stocks, conservation of fishery resources		
Geographical area Baltic Sea area		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	PECH Fisheries		06/09/1995
		ELDR KOFOED Niels Anker	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	BUDG Budgets		07/09/1995
		PSE JÖNS Karin	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Agriculture and Fisheries	1901	22/01/1996

Key events			
13/07/1995	Legislative proposal published	COM(1995)0345	Summary
18/09/1995	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
22/11/1995	Vote in committee		Summary
22/11/1995	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A4-0295/1995	
15/12/1995	Debate in Parliament		
15/12/1995	Decision by Parliament	T4-0665/1995	Summary
22/01/1996	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
22/01/1996	End of procedure in Parliament		
27/01/1996	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	1995/0186(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	International agreement
Legislative instrument	Decision
Legal basis	EC before Amsterdam E 228-p3-a1; EC before Amsterdam E 043
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	PECH/4/07091

Documentation gateway					
Legislative proposal		COM(1995)0345 OJ C 252 28.09.1995, p. 0008	13/07/1995	EC	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A4-0295/1995 OJ C 017 22.01.1996, p. 0005	22/11/1995	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T4-0665/1995 OJ C 017 22.01.1996, p. 0423-0467	15/12/1995	EP	Summary

Additional information	
European Commission	EUR-Lex

Final act
Decision 1996/91 OJ L 021 27.01.1996, p. 0069 Summary

Convention on fisheries and the conservation of fish stocks in the Baltic Sea and the Belts

- OBJECTIVE: to obtain the approval of an amendment to Article VII of the Gdansk Convention, which the Commission negotiated with the Baltic Commission, in order to establish a closer link between the financial contributions of the Contracting Parties and the extent of the fishing opportunities allocated to them under the Convention. - SUBSTANCE: At the 20th session of the International Baltic Sea Fishery Commission, which was instructed under the Gdansk Convention to coordinate the management of the living resources in the Baltic Sea, the European Commission, acting on a mandate from the Council, negotiated the proposal for an amendment to the Gdansk Convention, to which the European Community acceded on 18.03.1984. In the present proposal the Commission asked the Council to approve the amendment which requested the Contracting Parties to the Convention to contribute to the total amount of the budget provided under the Convention according to the following formula: . one-third of the budget to be divided equally among the Contracting States, . the remaining two-thirds to be divided in proportion to the TACs allocated to the Contracting States, in accordance with the Financial Regulation of the Baltic Commission. The amendment is particularly justified in view of the fact that the fishing resources allocated to the 3 Baltic States, which have recently become Contracting Parties to the Convention, are substantially less than those of the other Parties, including the Community, even though the financial contributions remain the same. The financial impact of this amendment on the Community budget is marginal (the Commission estimates that the Community of Twelve's contribution to the budget of the Convention would thereby increase from US\$ 23,843 to US\$ 39,253). The amendment will enter into force 90 days after the Depository Government has received notification of acceptance of the amendment from all Contracting Parties. ?

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The report by Mr Niels KOFOED (LDR, DK) was adopted unanimously by the Committee without amendment. The Commission proposal, followed the accession of the three Baltic states of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, to the convention on fishing and conservation of living resources in the Baltic sea and Belts, in 1992. The aim of the proposal was to produce a fairer method of financing the Baltic Commission based on catches, rather than the previous system according to which all the contracting parties including the EU paid the same. The new formula will increase the annual Community contribution by \$15 000. The rapporteur commented that the Union could have saved substantially more than this amount had this measure been taken together at one sitting with other questions relating to the Baltic.

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In adopting the report by Mr KOFOED (ELDR, DK), the European Parliament approved the amendment of the Gdansk Convention. ?

Convention on fisheries and the conservation of fish stocks in the Baltic Sea and the Belts

-OBJECTIVE: approval by the Community of the amendment to Article VII of the Gdansk Convention in order to establish a closer link between the financial contributions of the Contracting Parties and the size of the fishery resources allocated to them. -COMMUNITY MEASURE : Council Decision 96/91/EC concerning the approval of the amendment to Article VII of the Convention on fishing and conservation of the living resources in the Baltic Sea and the Belts. -SUBSTANCE : At the 20th session of the International Baltic Sea Fishery Commission, instructed, under the Gdansk Convention, to coordinate the management of the living resources in the Baltic Sea, an amendment of the Gdansk Convention (to which the Community acceded on 18 March 1984) was negotiated by the Contracting Parties to the effect that the total amount of the budget should be contributed to by the Contracting Parties according to the following formula: . one-third of the budget to be divided equally among the Contracting Parties, . two-thirds of the budget to be divided in proportion to the TACs available to the Contracting Parties in accordance with the Financial Regulation of the Baltic Commission. -ENTRY INTO FORCE : The amendment will enter into force 90 days after the Depository Government has received notification of acceptance of that amendment from all Contracting Parties. ?