


# Procedure file

Basic information	
CNS - Consultation procedure Regulation	1999/0222(CNS) Procedure completed
Conservation of fishery resources: juveniles of marine organisms Amending Regulation (EC) No 850/98 <a href="#">1996/0160(CNS)</a>	
Subject 3.15.01 Fish stocks, conservation of fishery resources	
Geographical area Mediterranean Sea area	

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	<b>PECH</b> Fisheries		30/11/1999
		UEN <a href="#">GALLAGHER Pat the Cope</a>	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	<a href="#">Agriculture and Fisheries</a>	<a href="#">2256</a>	17/04/2000
European Commission	Commission DG <a href="#">Maritime Affairs and Fisheries</a>	Commissioner	

Key events			
04/11/1999	Legislative proposal published	COM(1999)0552	Summary
21/01/2000	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
21/02/2000	Vote in committee		Summary
21/02/2000	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	<a href="#">A5-0035/2000</a>	
01/03/2000	Debate in Parliament		
02/03/2000	Decision by Parliament	<a href="#">T5-0082/2000</a>	Summary
17/04/2000	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
17/04/2000	End of procedure in Parliament		
20/04/2000	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information
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Procedure reference	1999/0222(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Regulation
	Amending Regulation (EC) No 850/98 <a href="#">1996/0160(CNS)</a>
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 037
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	PECH/5/12411

### Documentation gateway

Legislative proposal	COM(1999)0552 OJ C 056 29.02.2000, p. 0007 E	04/11/1999	EC	Summary
Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	<a href="#">CES0082/2000</a> <a href="#">OJ C 075 15.03.2000, p. 0013</a>	26/01/2000	ESC	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	<a href="#">A5-0035/2000</a> <a href="#">OJ C 346 04.12.2000, p. 0003</a>	21/02/2000	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading	<a href="#">T5-0082/2000</a> <a href="#">OJ C 346 04.12.2000, p. 0015-0079</a>	02/03/2000	EP	Summary

### Additional information

European Commission	<a href="#">EUR-Lex</a>
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### Final act

<a href="#">Regulation 2000/812</a> <a href="#">OJ L 100 20.04.2000, p. 0003</a> Summary
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## Conservation of fishery resources: juveniles of marine organisms

**PURPOSE** : to establish new control measures for fishing with a view to conforming to the new measures recently adopted by the ICCAT on the subject of minimum landing sizes for bluefin tuna. **CONTENT** : the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tuna (ICCAT), to which the Community is party, has as its objective to ensure the conservation and the management of resources of tuna in the waters of the Atlantic Ocean and adjacent seas. The ICCAT adopted conservation and management measures which became binding on the contracting parties, of which the Community is one. At its 11th extraordinary session held in Santiago de Compostela, Spain (November 1998), the ICCAT recommended certain rules on minimum landing sizes of blue fin tuna. In particular, a previous recommendation to prohibit the landing of bluefin tuna of age 0, which was interpreted hitherto as fish weighing 1.8 kg, has been modified to prohibit any landing of fish below 3.2 kg, in order to give additional protection to juvenile fish. It was also recommended to change the dates of the existing closure for purse seine fishing (it shall be forbidden to take bluefin tuna with an encircling net: - for vessels whose exclusive and predominant area of operation is the Adriatic, from 1 to 31 May in the whole Mediterranean Sea, and from 16 July to 15 August in the Mediterranean Sea, excluding the Adriatic; - and for vessels whose exclusive or predominant area of operation is the Mediterranean, excluding the Adriatic, from 16 July to 15 August in the whole Mediterranean Sea and from 1 to 31 May in the Adriatic). As these recommendations entered into force on 21.06.1999 for the contracting parties, the Community is required to incorporate them in internal Community law. Thus, as a consequence, this proposal amends Regulations 1626/94/EC and 850/98/EC concerned by these international recommendations.?

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The committee adopted the report (consultation procedure) by Pat the Cope GALLAGHER (UEN, IRL) approving without amendment the Commission proposal amending the EC regulations on the conservation of fishery resources in the Mediterranean and the protection of juveniles of marine organisms. The report felt that any measures designed to enhance the protection of juveniles in the Mediterranean (an important spawning area for bluefin tuna), such as those agreed at the ICCAT meeting, were to be welcomed and that the proposal should therefore be supported. However, it reiterated the all too familiar point that Parliament was not consulted in time to give its opinion during the 6-month period during which ICCAT Contracting Parties can raise objections to its recommendations. The report said that the Commission

should review its administrative procedures to ensure that Parliament was consulted in time. It also called on the Commission to take the lead at future ICCAT meetings in urging further measures to protect juvenile bluefin tuna and encourage the recovery of stocks.

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Under the consultation procedure, the European Parliament approved the report drafted by Mr. Pat the Cope Gallagher (UEN, IRL). There were no amendments.?

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**PURPOSE :** to establish new control measures for fishing with a view to conforming to the new measures recently adopted by the ICCAT on the subject of minimum landing sizes for bluefin tuna. **COMMUNITY MEASURE :** Council Regulation 812/2000/EC amending Regulation 1626/94/EC laying down certain technical measures for the conservation of fishery resources in the Mediterranean and Regulation 850/98/EC for the conservation of fishery resources through technical measures for the protection of juveniles of marine organisms. **CONTENT :** the Council adopted a Regulation amending for the fourth time regulation 1626/94/EC laying down certain technical measures for the conservation of fishery resources in the Mediterranean and regulation 850/98/EC for the conservation of fishery resources through technical measures for the protection of juveniles of marine organisms. This Regulation amends the minimum landing sizes of bluefin tuna, set out in the two Regulations, in, respectively, the Mediterranean Sea and in regions 1 to 5 of the Atlantic and Indian Oceans in order to prohibit any landing of bluefin tuna below 3.2kg. This Regulation also changes the dates of the existing closure for purse seine fishing. These amendments stemmed from the recommendations of the ICCAT in November 1998, which became binding on the contracting parties, of which the Community is one. **ENTRY INTO FORCE :** 21.04.2000.?