


Procedure file

Basic information		
CNS - Consultation procedure Decision	2001/0280(CNS)	Procedure completed
South-East Atlantic fisheries organisation: Convention on conservation and management of fisheries resources		
Subject 3.15.01 Fish stocks, conservation of fishery resources		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	PECH Fisheries		24/01/2002
		V/ALE MCKENNA Patricia	
Council of the European Union	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	BUDG Budgets	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	ENVI Environment, Public Health, Consumer Policy	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
European Commission	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	General Affairs	2447	22/07/2002
	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	Maritime Affairs and Fisheries		

Key events			
21/11/2001	Legislative proposal published	COM(2001)0679	Summary
13/12/2001	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
16/04/2002	Vote in committee		Summary
16/04/2002	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A5-0115/2002	
03/07/2002	Debate in Parliament		
04/07/2002	Decision by Parliament	T5-0364/2002	Summary
22/07/2002	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
22/07/2002	End of procedure in Parliament		
31/08/2002	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2001/0280(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	International agreement
Legislative instrument	Decision
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 037; EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 300-p2-a1
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	PECH/5/15507

Documentation gateway					
Legislative proposal		COM(2001)0679 OJ C 075 26.03.2002, p. 0113 E	21/11/2001	EC	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A5-0115/2002	16/04/2002	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T5-0364/2002 OJ C 271 12.11.2003, p. 0379-0565 E	04/07/2002	EP	Summary

Additional information	
European Commission	EUR-Lex

Final act
Decision 2002/738 OJ L 234 31.08.2002, p. 0039-0055 Summary

South-East Atlantic fisheries organisation: Convention on conservation and management of fisheries resources

PURPOSE: European Community accession to the Convention on the Conservation and Management of Fishery Resources in the South-East Atlantic Ocean. **CONTENT:** The Convention was signed in Windhoek, Namibia on 20 April 2001. Article 5 of the Convention established the South-East Atlantic Fisheries Organisation (SEAFO). The aim and purpose of the Convention is to ensure the long-term conservation and sustainable use of the fishery resources in the Convention Area. Fishery resources covered by the Convention are: fish, mollusc, crustaceans and other sedentary species. Highly migratory species are not covered. Intensive and productive co-operation between the contracting parties is expected to ensure effective application of the principles governing the Convention. The European Union, which is a contracting party to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, has the authority to adopt measures for the conservation and management of fishery resources and to enter into agreements with other countries and international organisations. Membership of this Convention would allow the Community to promote its fishing interests in the region. Only three notifications of ratification, accession, acceptance or approval are required for the Convention to enter into force. The clear benefits of the Convention regarding fish stocks in the South-East Atlantic Ocean are clear and for this reason the Commission urges the rapid adoption of the Council Decision allowing Community accession to the Convention.?

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The committee adopted the report by Patricia McKENNA (Greens/EFA, IRL) approving the proposal under the consultation procedure, subject to just one amendment. While warmly welcoming the conclusion of the Convention, the committee pointed out that its success depended entirely upon the political will of the contracting parties. The amendment adopted to one of the recitals contained a reminder that the Community had not yet completed the ratification process of the 1995 New York Agreement for implementing the provisions of the 1982 UN Convention on the Law of the Sea relating to the conservation and management of straddling fish stocks and highly migratory fish stocks. ?

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The European Parliament adopted a resolution drafted by Patricia McKenna (Greens/EFA, Ireland) on the Commission's proposal. (Please refer to the document dated 16/04/02.)?

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PURPOSE : to conclude the conclusion by the European Community Convention on the conservation and management of fishery resources in the South-East Atlantic Ocean. **COMMUNITY MEASURE** : Council Decision 2002/738/EC on the conclusion by the European Community of the Convention on the Conservation and Management of Fishery Resources in the South-East Atlantic Ocean. **CONTENT** : the Council adopted this decision on the conclusion of the Convention on the conservation and management of fishery resources in the south-east Atlantic Ocean. This Decision enables the European Community to become a full member of the regional fisheries organisation to be set up under this Convention, as Community fishermen operate in the Convention area. The objective of the Convention is to ensure the long-term conservation and sustainable use of the fishery resources in the Convention Area through the effective implementation of this Convention. Fishery resources covered by the Convention are: fish, mollusc, crustaceans and other sedentary species. **ENTRY INTO FORCE** : the decision shall enter into force on 22 July 2002. This Convention shall enter into force 60 days after the date of deposit with the Depositary of the third instrument of ratification, accession, acceptance or approval at least one of which has been deposited by a coastal State. For each State or regional economic integration organisation which, subsequent to the date of entry into force of this Convention, deposits an instrument of ratification or accession, this Convention shall enter into force on the 30th day following such deposit.?