

Procedure file

Basic information		
CNS - Consultation procedure Regulation	2002/0281(CNS)	Procedure completed
EC/Kiribati fisheries agreement: Western Pacific tuna fishing		
Subject 3.15.15.06 Fisheries agreements with Pacific countries		
Geographical area Kiribati		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	PECH Fisheries		30/09/2002
		PPE-DE MARINOS Ioannis	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	BUDG Budgets		21/01/2003
		PSE DÜHRKOP DÜHRKOP Bárbara	
	DEVE Development and Cooperation		30/09/2002
		GUE/NGL MIRANDA Joaquim	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration Education, Youth, Culture and Sport	Meeting 2503	Date 05/05/2003
European Commission	Commission DG Maritime Affairs and Fisheries	Commissioner	

Key events			
06/12/2002	Legislative proposal published	COM(2002)0692	Summary
13/02/2003	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
18/03/2003	Vote in committee		Summary
18/03/2003	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A5-0065/2003	
08/04/2003	Decision by Parliament	T5-0138/2003	Summary
05/05/2003	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
06/05/2003	End of procedure in Parliament		

22/05/2003	Final act published in Official Journal		
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Technical information	
Procedure reference	2002/0281(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	International agreement
Legislative instrument	Regulation
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 300-p3-a1; EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 037; EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 300-p2
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	PECH/5/19003

Documentation gateway					
Legislative proposal		COM(2002)0692	06/12/2002	EC	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A5-0065/2003	18/03/2003	EP	
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Additional information	
European Commission	EUR-Lex

Final act
Regulation 2003/874 OJ L 126 22.05.2003, p. 0001-0019 Summary

EC/Kiribati fisheries agreement: Western Pacific tuna fishing

PURPOSE : to conclude an agreement between the EC and the Republic of Kiribati on fishing within the Kiribati fishing zone. **CONTENT** : Kiribati controls waters with excellent tuna resources. The text of this new bilateral tuna Agreement was initialled on 6 July 2002. The Protocol to the Agreement has been concluded for an initial period of three years. It establishes the following: - the concession of fishing possibilities by Kiribati for EC vessels must be compatible with the management decisions to be taken, on a regional basis, by the Central West Pacific nations in the context of the Palau Arrangement for the Management of the Western Pacific Purse Seine fishery. The EC fishing effort in Kiribati will have to be in line with appropriate tuna stock assessments based on scientific criteria, including the scientific overviews conducted yearly by the Secretariat of the Pacific Community; - as regards fishing possibilities, or the first year of application of the Agreement, 6 purse seine vessels and 12 surface long-liners will be allowed to fish. Starting from the second year, there will be a minimum of 4 purse seine vessels and 12 surface long-liners. Depending on the management decisions taken pursuant to the Palau Arrangement, the number of fishing licences for purse seine vessels may be increased upto 11 vessels, on a yearly basis; - the global financial contribution was fixed at EUR 546 000 for the first year and to a minimum of 416 000 for the second and third year for the application of the Protocol. Starting from the second year, the financial contribution may be increased by EUR 65 000/year for each additional purse seine vessel licence obtained according to the possibilities offered by Kiribati in line with the Palau Arrangement constraints. In the hypothesis of the acquisition of all additional purse seine licences, the total EC financial contribution could reach EUR 871 000. The Annex to the Agreement establishes monitoring and control of fishing activities. EC ship-owners must pay fishing fees of EUR 21 000 per purse seine vessel and EUR 4200 for each small long-liner vessel. Furthermore, EC ship-owners will be required to embark 2 Kiribati seamen per vessel and tranship at least 3 times per year in a Kiribati port. The draft Council Regulation sets out the method for allocating fishing opportunities among the Member States: i)purse seine vessels - France: 30% of available licences. Spain: 70% of available licences. ii)long-liners - Spain: 6 vessels. Portugal: 6 vessels.?

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The committee adopted the report by Ioannis MARINOS (EPP-ED, GR) broadly approving the proposal subject to a few amendments (consultation procedure). The committee was concerned that Parliament should be provided with better information to enable it to carry out its

duties under the consultation procedure and therefore stipulated that, before any agreement on renewal of the Protocol, the Commission should submit to Parliament and Council a general assessment report on the implementation of the Agreement, including a cost benefit analysis indicating the apportionment of costs between shipowners and the Community. Furthermore, a copy of the report on the targeted measures which the Kiribati authorities were required to provide should also be forwarded to Parliament. Lastly, the report called for the Protocol to incorporate the social clause adopted by the sea fishing industry Social Dialogue Committee in December 2001 guaranteeing equal treatment for both EU and non-EU seamen sailing on EU vessels in such matters as freedom of association, collective bargaining, the elimination of discrimination, adequate remuneration and living and working conditions.?

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The European Parliament adopted a resolution drafted by Ioannis MARINOS (EPP-ED, Greece) and amended the Proposal. (Please refer to the summary of 18/03/03).?

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PURPOSE : to conclude the Agreement on fishing within the Kiribati fishing zone. COMMUNITY MEASURE : Council Regulation 874/2003/EC on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Kiribati on fishing within the Kiribati fishing zone. CONTENT : the Council adopted a Regulation on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Kiribati on fishing within the Kiribati fishing zone. This Agreement, which is valid for an initial period of five years and be renewed for further periods of two years, establishes fishing opportunities allocated among some EU Member States. France is being allocated a percentage of available licences for purse seine vessels. Spain and Portugal have a right for six vessels each for long-liners. Licence applications, which would not be filled, can be dispatched among other EU Member States. The Member States concerned must notify information on the catches to the Commission. In return for the fishing opportunities granted by Kiribati, the Community will provide a financial contribution paid to the Kiribati Government, equal to EUR 2.210.000 over five years (EUR 546.000 the first year and EUR 416.000 the following years). The total financial contribution corresponds to a catch within the Kiribati fishing zone of 8 400 tonnes of tuna for the first year and 6 400 tonnes of tuna per year for the following years. The fishing opportunities set out in the Protocol to the Agreement shall be allocated among the Member States as follows: a) purse seine vessels: - France: 27 % of available licences; - Spain: 73 % of available licences, b) long-liners: - Spain: 6 vessels, - Portugal: 6 vessels. The Agreement also states that if licence applications from these Member States do not cover all the fishing opportunities fixed by the Protocol, the Commission may consider licence applications from any other Member State. ENTRY INTO FORCE : 29 May 2003.?