


Procedure file

Basic information	
CNS - Consultation procedure Regulation	2004/0229(CNS) Procedure completed
Conservation of fishery resources: 15 years rebuilding plan for Greenland halibut in the waters of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organisation NAFO	
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Subject	
3.15.01 Fish stocks, conservation of fishery resources	
3.15.07 Fisheries inspectorate, surveillance of fishing vessels and areas	

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	PECH Fisheries		25/11/2004
	Committee for opinion	PSE KRISTENSEN Henrik Dam	
	ENVI Environment, Public Health and Food Safety	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
		The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Agriculture and Fisheries	2702	20/12/2005
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	Maritime Affairs and Fisheries		

Key events			
07/10/2004	Legislative proposal published	COM(2004)0640	Summary
01/12/2004	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
25/04/2005	Vote in committee		
27/04/2005	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A6-0116/2005	
23/06/2005	Results of vote in Parliament		
23/06/2005	Decision by Parliament	T6-0257/2005	Summary
20/12/2005	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
20/12/2005	End of procedure in Parliament		
23/12/2005	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2004/0229(CNS)

Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Regulation
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Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 037
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	PECH/6/24248

Documentation gateway

Legislative proposal	COM(2004)0640	07/10/2004	EC	Summary
Committee draft report	PE350.171	22/02/2005	EP	
Amendments tabled in committee	PE355.780	19/04/2005	EP	
Amendments tabled in committee	PE357.663	19/04/2005	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A6-0116/2005	27/04/2005	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading	T6-0257/2005 OJ C 133 08.06.2006, p. 0030-0131 E	23/06/2005	EP	Summary
Commission response to text adopted in plenary	SP(2005)2882	13/07/2005	EC	

Additional information

European Commission	EUR-Lex
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Final act

Regulation 2005/2115 OJ L 340 23.12.2005, p. 0003-0006 Summary

Conservation of fishery resources: 15 years rebuilding plan for Greenland halibut in the waters of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organisation NAFO

PURPOSE : the establishment of a rebuilding plan for Greenland halibut in the framework of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organisation.

PROPOSED ACT : Council Regulation.

CONTENT : Since 1979, the European Union has been a Contracting Party to the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organisation (NAFO). The EU is a major player in NAFO waters ? holding 55% of the quota in these international waters. In June 2003, a scientific advisory committee gave warning that the Greenland halibut stock was in a critical condition - more so than had previously been thought. In order to avoid a complete collapse of these stock substantial reductions in the fishing effort would have to be made. In 2003, NAFO adopted a 15-year rebuilding plan for Greenland halibut in NAFO Sub-area 2 and Divisions 3KLMNO. The objective of this rebuilding plan is to attain a level of exploitable biomass of five years and older of 140 000 tonnes on average, allowing a stable yield over the long term for this stock.

The rebuilding plan foresees a progressive reduction of the TAC:

42 000 tonnes in 2003;

20 000 tonnes in 2004;

19 000 tonnes in 2005;

18 500 tonnes in 2006 and

16 000 tonnes in 2007.

The total allowable catch for subsequent years shall be established on the basis of the Scientific Council advice. The plan also foresees additional control measures to ensure the effectiveness of the plan. Although a Council Regulation 2287/2003 has been adopted, which fixes the fishing opportunities for 2004 it is now necessary to implement the rest of the Plan by way of a Council Regulation implementing multi-annual measures for Greenland halibut for the entire duration of the NAFO rebuilding plan.

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The European Parliament adopted a resolution by 540 votes in favour to 12 against with 12 abstentions, making a few amendments to the Commission's proposal. The report was drafted by Henrik Dam KRISTENSEN (PES, DK):

- recovery plan? is substituted for rebuilding plan? throughout the text.

- Member States will inform the Commission of the allocation of quotas not later than 15 January each year (the Commission had specified December.)

- Parliament deleted Article 8 on the margin of tolerance in the estimation of quantities reported in the logbook.

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PURPOSE : to lay down the general rules and conditions for the application by the Community of a recovery plan for the Greenland halibut stock.

LEGISLATIVE ACT : Council Regulation 2115/2005/EC establishing a recovery plan for Greenland halibut in the framework of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organisation.

CONTENT : Following the adoption by NAFO of a 15- year rebuilding plan for Greenland halibut, the Council unanimously adopted a Regulation establishing a rebuilding plan for Greenland halibut in the framework of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organisation.

The aim of the Regulation is to implement a recovery plan for the Greenland halibut stock in NAFO Sub-area 2 (east of the meridian of 64°30' west longitude in the area of

Hudson Strait, to the south of Subarea 0, to the south and west of Subarea 1 and to the north of the parallel of 52°15' north latitude) and Divisions 3KLMNO .

The objective of the plan will be to attain a level of exploitable biomass of five years and older of 140 000 tonnes on average allowing a stable yield over the long term in the Greenland halibut fishery. In order to rebuild the stock, the NAFO plan provides for a progressive reduction of the TAC level until 2007 -18 500 tonnes in 2006 and 16 000 tonnes in 2007 - as well as control measures to ensure the effectiveness of that plan. Only vessels fishing with a special fishing permit issued by a flag Member State are allowed to fish in the areas mentioned above. Vessels can only land their fishing quantities in designated ports.

ENTRY INTO FORCE : 30/12/2005.

DATE OF APPLICATION : from 01/01/2006.