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Common Fisheries Policy: conservation and sustainable exploitation of fisheries resources	
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Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	PECH Fisheries		13/12/2006
		PPE-DE GKLAVAKIS Ioannis	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	ENVI Environment, Public Health and Food Safety	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Economic and Financial Affairs ECOFIN	2813	10/07/2007
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	Maritime Affairs and Fisheries	BORG Joe	

Key events			
12/10/2006	Legislative proposal published	COM(2006)0587	Summary
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26/04/2007	Decision by Parliament	T6-0163/2007	Summary
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Technical information	
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Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure

Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Regulation
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Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	PECH/6/41715

Documentation gateway

Legislative proposal	COM(2006)0587	13/10/2006	EC	Summary
Committee draft report	PE384.479	05/02/2007	EP	
Amendments tabled in committee	PE386.358	05/03/2007	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A6-0085/2007	28/03/2007	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading	T6-0163/2007	26/04/2007	EP	Summary
Commission response to text adopted in plenary	SP(2007)2625/2	31/05/2007	EC	

Additional information

National parliaments	IPEX
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[Regulation 2007/865](#)
[OJ L 192 24.07.2007, p. 0001](#) Summary

Common Fisheries Policy: conservation and sustainable exploitation of fisheries resources

PURPOSE: to amend Regulation 2371/2002/EC on the conservation and sustainable exploitation of fisheries resources under the Common Fisheries Policy.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Regulation.

CONTENT: in the framework of the political agreement reached on the adoption of the European Fisheries Fund for the period 2007-2013 (see CNS/2004/0169), the Council decided to modify the provisions applying to the management of fishing fleet capacity.

The Commission therefore proposes to amend the provisions applying to fleet capacity management which are included in Chapter III of Regulation 2371/2002, and in particular Article 11 on the adjustment of fishing capacity and Article 13 on the entry-exit scheme and overall capacity reduction.

The proposed modifications will assist those vessel-owners who actively seek to improve the working conditions of their crew and the quality of the products they offer to consumers. The second of the two modifications also illustrates the importance which the Commission attaches to reducing fuel consumption in the industry, which is vital for both environmental and economic sustainability. In both cases, the aid permitted is to be granted in line with very strict conditions, which guarantee that it cannot lead to any increase in fishing capacity.

The modifications proposed make two specific changes to the text of the Basic Regulation:

§ Adjustment of fishing capacity: previously, all tonnage withdrawn with public aid as of 1 January 2007 was to be permanently withdrawn, with no possibility of its being reintroduced. This would create a new reference level under the 'Entry/Exit' scheme which governs fleet capacity. Aid to improve safety on board, working conditions, hygiene and product quality was to be limited to work on the superstructure of vessels over five years old. It was also conditional on the new capacity not increasing the ability of the vessel concerned to catch fish. The proposed modification allows Member States to create a 'GT bank', whereby up to 4% of the tonnage withdrawn with public aid may be reallocated to vessels of any age (new or existing) to cover these specific types of modernisation work, whether above or below deck.

§ The 'entry-exit' scheme and overall capacity adjustment: previously, it was not possible to grant public aid for the replacement or

renewal of engines. The proposed modification will allow Member States to provide aid for engine renewal on condition that the new engine has at least 20% less power than the one which it replaces, and that this reduction in power is permanently deducted from the reference level of the fleet (i.e. constitutes a permanent reduction in the capacity of the fleet of the Member State concerned). In order to keep with the existing policy on capacity reduction, the provision that the reduction in power linked to the replacement of the engine with public aid cannot be re-built.

The Commission believes that these two measures, taken together, will lead to further real reductions in the fishing capacity of the European fleet, while encouraging the industry to improve the conditions in which fishers work, and reduce the environmental impact of their activities.

Common Fisheries Policy: conservation and sustainable exploitation of fisheries resources

The committee adopted the report by Ioannis GKLAVAKIS (EPP-ED, GR) broadly approving the proposed regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 2371/2002 on the conservation and sustainable exploitation of fisheries resources under the Common Fisheries Policy. It tabled just two amendments:

- the proposed reallocation of the tonnage withdrawn with public aid should be increased from 4%, as proposed by the Commission, to 10%. MEPs argued that 4% was too low in relation to the whole of the coastal fishing fleet and was not sufficient to improve safety, hygiene, working conditions and product quality on board;

- the compulsory 20% reduction in engine power (a condition of being able to replace a vessel's engine using public aid) for vessels over 12 m in length "must not under any circumstances diminish the vessel's safety, habitability or the efficiency of fish-processing systems".

Common Fisheries Policy: conservation and sustainable exploitation of fisheries resources

The European Parliament adopted the resolution drafted by Ioannis GKLAVAKIS (EPP-ED, GR) broadly approving the proposed regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 2371/2002 on the conservation and sustainable exploitation of fisheries resources under the Common Fisheries Policy. However, it felt that the reallocation of 4% of the tonnage withdrawn with public aid was too low in relation to the whole of the coastal fishing fleet and was not sufficient to improve safety, hygiene, working conditions and product quality on board. Instead, Parliament approved a 10% reallocation rate. In addition, it stipulated that the compulsory 20% reduction in engine power (a condition of being able to replace a vessel's engine using public aid) for vessels over 12m in length must not under any circumstances diminish the vessel's safety, habitability or the efficiency of fish-processing systems. Furthermore, given that the objective of the reduction is to avoid any increase in the vessel's fishing capacity, the provisions of the first subparagraph shall not be taken into account where the engine is replaced in order to conserve energy and/or improve the vessel's performance in areas other than fishing capacity, or where more selective fishing methods, as regards the use of the vessel, have been opted for.

Common Fisheries Policy: conservation and sustainable exploitation of fisheries resources

PURPOSE: to amend Regulation 2371/2002/EC on the conservation and sustainable exploitation of fisheries resources under the Common Fisheries Policy.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Regulation (EC) no 865/2007 amending Regulation (EC) No 2371/2002 on the conservation and sustainable exploitation of fisheries resources under the Common Fisheries Policy.

BACKGROUND: management of the EU's fishing capacity is set out in [Regulation \(EC\) No 2371/2002](#). However, in the framework of the political agreement reached on the adoption of the [European Fisheries Fund](#) (EFF) for the period 2007-2013, the Council decided to modify the provisions applying to the management of fishing fleet capacity in order to take account of experience gained.

CONTENT: the purpose of this Regulation, therefore, is to amend Regulation (EC) No 2371/2002 on the conservation and sustainable exploitation of fisheries resources under the Common Fisheries Policy in order to grant a limited increase in tonnage to new or existing vessels. The main objective of the amendment is to improve safety, hygiene, working conditions and product quality on board on condition that it does not increase the vessels' ability to catch fish. Priority will be given to small scale coastal fisheries as specified in the Regulation establishing the EFF. Bearing the above in mind, the main provisions of the Regulation can be summarised as follows:

Adjustment of fishing capacity: previously, all tonnage withdrawn with public aid as of 1 January 2007 was to be permanently withdrawn. Thus, aid to improve safety on board, working conditions, hygiene and product quality was to be limited to work on the superstructure of vessels over five years old. The amended Regulation, however, allows Member States to create a 'GT bank', whereby up to 4% of the tonnage withdrawn with public aid may be reallocated to vessels of any age (new or existing) to cover these specific types of modernisation work, whether above or below deck.

The 'entry-exit' scheme and overall capacity adjustment: previously, it was not possible to grant public aid for the replacement or renewal of engines. The modification will allow Member States to provide aid for engine renewal on condition that the new engine has at least 20% less power than the one which it replaces, and that this reduction in power is permanently deducted from the reference level of the fleet (i.e. constitutes a permanent reduction in the capacity of the fleet of the Member State concerned).

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 27 July 2007.