


# Procedure file

Basic information		
CNS - Consultation procedure Decision	<a href="#">2006/0240(CNS)</a>	Procedure completed
Common Fisheries Policy (CFP): Regional Advisory Councils, Community financial aid		
Amending Decision 1999/311/EC <a href="#">1998/0246(CNS)</a>		
Subject 3.15.07 Fisheries inspectorate, surveillance of fishing vessels and areas		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	<b>PECH</b> Fisheries		09/01/2007
		ALDE <a href="#">ATTWOOLL Elspeth</a>	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	<b>BUDG</b> Budgets	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	<a href="#">Agriculture and Fisheries</a>	<a href="#">2806</a>	11/06/2007
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	<a href="#">Maritime Affairs and Fisheries</a>	BORG Joe	

Key events			
27/11/2006	Legislative proposal published	<a href="#">COM(2006)0732</a>	Summary
01/02/2007	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
22/03/2007	Vote in committee		Summary
27/03/2007	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	<a href="#">A6-0078/2007</a>	
26/04/2007	Results of vote in Parliament		
26/04/2007	Decision by Parliament	<a href="#">T6-0159/2007</a>	Summary
11/06/2007	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
11/06/2007	End of procedure in Parliament		
15/06/2007	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2006/0240(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Decision
	Amending Decision 1999/311/EC <a href="#">1998/0246(CNS)</a>
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 037
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	PECH/6/43583

Documentation gateway					
Legislative proposal		<a href="#">COM(2006)0732</a>	27/11/2006	EC	Summary
Committee draft report		<a href="#">PE384.344</a>	29/01/2007	EP	
Amendments tabled in committee		<a href="#">PE386.326</a>	05/03/2007	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">A6-0078/2007</a>	27/03/2007	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">T6-0159/2007</a>	26/04/2007	EP	Summary
Document attached to the procedure		<a href="#">COM(2008)0364</a>	17/06/2008	EC	Summary

Additional information	
National parliaments	<a href="#">IPEX</a>
European Commission	<a href="#">EUR-Lex</a>

Final act
<a href="#">Decision 2007/409</a> <a href="#">OJ L 155 15.06.2007, p. 0068</a> Summary

## Common Fisheries Policy (CFP): Regional Advisory Councils, Community financial aid

**PURPOSE:** to amend Decision 2004/585/EC establishing Regional Advisory Councils under the Common Fisheries Policy.

**PROPOSED ACT:** Council Decision.

**CONTENT:** the Regional Advisory Councils (RACs) were established as a result of the reform of the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP), adopted in 2002. Council Decision 2004/585/EC defines a general framework for the functioning of the Regional Advisory Councils to ensure a consistent and balanced approach amongst them. The possibility of granting Community financial aid to RACs is one of the aspects included in this Decision.

Taking into account that RACs have been created by Council Regulation 2371/2002 and that the experience of the RACs proves that these new bodies are contributing positively to the development of the CFP (since their establishment, the Commission has received more than forty recommendations from RACs), they should be considered as bodies pursuing an aim of general European interest in the meaning of Article 162(b) of Commission Regulation 2342/2002/EC, Euratom laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation 1605/2002/EC, Euratom on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities.

Furthermore, experience has shown that the existing Regional Advisory Councils have difficulties with the current decreasing financial framework which will seriously hinder their ability to meet their objectives in the near future. Defining RACs as bodies pursuing an aim of European general interest would provide them with a stable financial framework enhancing their capacity to operate effectively. The new financial modalities will also simplify the management of the grants by merging the current two grants into a single grant for each Regional Advisory Council.

For more information concerning the financial implications of this proposal, please refer to the financial statement.

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The committee adopted the report by Elspeth ATTWOOLL (ALDE, UK) approving unamended ? under the consultation procedure ? the proposed decision amending Decision 2004/585/EC establishing Regional Advisory Councils under the Common Fisheries Policy.

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The European Parliament adopted the resolution drafted by Elspeth ATTWOOLL (ALDE, UK) and approved the proposed decision amending Decision 2004/585/EC establishing Regional Advisory Councils under the Common Fisheries Policy.

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**PURPOSE:** to establish Regional Advisory Councils under the Common Fisheries Policy.

**LEGISLATIVE ACT:** Council Decision 2007/409/EC amending Decision 2004/585/EC establishing Regional Advisory Councils under the Common Fisheries Policy.

**CONTENT:** the Council adopted a Decision amending Decision 2004/585/EC establishing Regional Advisory Councils under the Common Fisheries Policy.

Regional Advisory Councils offer advice on the Common Fisheries Policy to the Commission and Member States and ensure effective involvement of stakeholders which is one of the essential pillars of the reformed Common Fisheries Policy and a prerequisite of good governance.

Consequently, the Council has amended the Decision 2004/585/EC as follows:

- a Regional Advisory Council which has acquired legal personality may apply for Community financial aid as a body pursuing an aim of general European interest within the meaning of Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2342/2002 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 on the financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities;
- the Commission shall sign a grant agreement with each Regional Advisory Council to cover their operational costs, including translation and interpretation costs;
- the Commission may carry out all verifications it considers necessary to ensure compliance with the tasks assigned by Regulation (EC) No 2371/2002 and this Decision to the Regional Advisory Councils.

**ENTRY INTO FORCE:** 22 June 2007.

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Please see [2003/0238\(CNS\)](#)