


# Procedure file

Basic information		
CNS - Consultation procedure Decision	<a href="#">2008/0166(CNS)</a>	Procedure completed
Convention on future multilateral cooperation in the North-East Atlantic Fisheries: dispute settlement procedures, scope and objectives of the Convention		
Subject		
3.15.01 Fish stocks, conservation of fishery resources		
3.15.04 Management of fisheries, fisheries, fishing grounds		
3.15.07 Fisheries inspectorate, surveillance of fishing vessels and areas		
3.15.15 Fisheries agreements and cooperation		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	<span style="background-color: #e67e22; color: white; padding: 2px;">PECH</span> Fisheries	ALDE <a href="#">MORILLON Philippe</a>	28/08/2008
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	<a href="#">Competitiveness (Internal Market, Industry, Research and Space)</a>	<a href="#">2929</a>	05/03/2009
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	<a href="#">Maritime Affairs and Fisheries</a>	BORG Joe	

Key events			
13/08/2008	Legislative proposal published	<a href="#">COM(2008)0512</a>	Summary
09/10/2008	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
21/01/2009	Vote in committee		Summary
22/01/2009	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	<a href="#">A6-0009/2009</a>	
19/02/2009	Results of vote in Parliament		
19/02/2009	Decision by Parliament	<a href="#">T6-0059/2009</a>	Summary
05/03/2009	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
05/03/2009	End of procedure in Parliament		
16/07/2009	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2008/0166(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Decision
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 037; EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 300-p3-a1; EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 300-p2
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	PECH/6/66007

Documentation gateway					
Legislative proposal		<a href="#">COM(2008)0512</a>	13/08/2008	EC	Summary
Committee draft report		<a href="#">PE412.253</a>	15/10/2008	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">A6-0009/2009</a>	22/01/2009	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">T6-0059/2009</a>	19/02/2009	EP	Summary

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

Final act
<a href="#">Decision 2009/550</a> <a href="#">OJ L 184 16.07.2009, p. 0012</a> Summary

## Convention on future multilateral cooperation in the North-East Atlantic Fisheries: dispute settlement procedures, scope and objectives of the Convention

**PURPOSE:** to approve amendments to the Convention on future multilateral co-operation in the North-East Atlantic Fisheries allowing for the establishment of a dispute settlement procedures, the extension of the scope of the Convention and a review of the objectives of the Convention.

**PROPOSED ACT:** Council Decision.

**CONTENT:** the Convention on future multilateral co-operation in the North-East Atlantic Fisheries was signed in London on 18 November 1980 and entered into force on 17 March 1982. The European Community acceded to the Convention on 13 July 1981. The Convention established a Regional Fisheries Management Organisation (RFMO) with the aim of promoting the conservation and optimum utilisation of fisheries resources of the North-East Atlantic within a framework appropriate to the regime of extended Coastal State jurisdiction over fisheries, and accordingly of encouraging international co-operation and consultations with respect to resources.

The Contracting Parties to the Convention adopted an amendment to the Convention at the 23rd Annual Meeting of the North-East Atlantic Fisheries Commission (NEAFC) in November 2004 allowing NEAFC to adopt Recommendations establishing procedures for the settlement of disputes arising from the Convention. By postal vote on 11 August 2006 the Contracting Parties to the Convention adopted an amendment to the Convention whereby the scope of the Convention is extended so as to include sedentary species and the objectives of the Convention are broadened. The Convention was also amended so as to mention developments in other international fora for fisheries management that have effect on fisheries in the NEAFC Convention area, and certain new definitions were introduced.

The proposed amendments to the Convention would help the Community towards fulfilling the objectives of the EC Treaty. In the light of the fishing possibilities accruing to the Community under the Convention, it is therefore in the Community's interest to approve the proposed amendments.

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The Committee on Fisheries adopted a report drafted by Philippe MORILLON (ALDE, FR) approving the proposal for a Council decision on the approval of amendments to the Convention on future multilateral cooperation in the North-East Atlantic Fisheries allowing for the establishment of dispute settlement procedures, the extension of the scope of the Convention and a review of the objectives of the Convention.

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**LEGISLATIVE ACT:** Council Decision 2009/550/EC on the approval of amendments to the Convention on future multilateral cooperation in the North-East Atlantic Fisheries allowing for the establishment of dispute settlement procedures, the extension of the scope of the Convention and a review of the objectives of the Convention.

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