

Procedure file

Basic information	
INI - Own-initiative procedure	2016/2229(INI)
Procedure completed	
Agreement between the EU and Norway on reciprocal access to fishing in the Skagerrak for vessels flying the flag of Denmark, Norway and Sweden	
Subject 3.15.04 Management of fisheries, fisheries, fishing grounds 3.15.15.08 Fisheries agreements with Northern and Baltic countries	
Geographical area Norway	

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	 Fisheries	 DOHRMANN Jørn	08/09/2016
		Shadow rapporteur	
		 KUHNS Werner	
		 CHRISTENSEN Ole	
		 BILBAO BARANDICA Izaskun	
European Commission	Commission DG Maritime Affairs and Fisheries	Commissioner VELLA Karmenu	

Key events			
09/11/2016	Vote in committee		
10/11/2016	Committee report tabled for plenary	A8-0320/2016	Summary
14/12/2016	Results of vote in Parliament		
14/12/2016	Decision by Parliament	T8-0493/2016	Summary
14/12/2016	End of procedure in Parliament		

Technical information	
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Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	PECH/8/07839

Documentation gateway

Committee draft report	PE589.305	29/09/2016	EP	
Amendments tabled in committee	PE592.118	12/10/2016	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading	A8-0320/2016	10/11/2016	EP	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading	T8-0493/2016	14/12/2016	EP	Summary
Commission response to text adopted in plenary	SP(2017)243	04/07/2017	EC	

Agreement between the EU and Norway on reciprocal access to fishing in the Skagerrak for vessels flying the flag of Denmark, Norway and Sweden

The Committee on Fisheries adopted an own-initiative report by Jørn DORHMANN (ECR, DK) containing a motion for a non-legislative resolution on the [draft Council decision](#) on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Union and the Kingdom of Norway on reciprocal access to fishing in the Skagerrak for vessels flying the flag of Denmark, Norway and Sweden.

Parliament already adopted a legislative resolution on the draft Council decision at its 14 December 2016 plenary session.

Members called on the Commission to forward to Parliament the minutes and conclusions of any consultations held in accordance with the Agreement and to submit to Parliament and the Council, within the last year of application of the agreement and before the opening of negotiations for its renewal, a full report on its implementation.

The Commission and the Council are called upon to keep Parliament immediately and fully informed at all stages of the procedures related to the agreement and its renewal.

The report emphasised that access to the internal market for any third country must build on reciprocity.

Agreement between the EU and Norway on reciprocal access to fishing in the Skagerrak for vessels flying the flag of Denmark, Norway and Sweden

The European Parliament adopted by 670 votes to 28, with 7 abstentions, a non-legislative resolution on the [draft Council decision](#) on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Union and the Kingdom of Norway on reciprocal access to fishing in the Skagerrak for vessels flying the flag of Denmark, Norway and Sweden.

Parliament already adopted a legislative resolution on the draft Council decision at its 14 December 2016 plenary session.

Members recalled that the Agreement upholds the historical fishing rights of fishermen from Denmark, Norway and Sweden in the Kattegat and Skagerrak without prejudice to the rights of fishermen from other states, while also ensuring that suitable measures are taken for fisheries management and conservation in these waters.

The Agreement also supports the implementation of the reformed system for fisheries management in the EU put in place in line with the aims and basic principles of the new common fisheries policy (CFP), in particular the introduction of the landing obligation and compulsory measures to maintain stocks above sustainable fisheries limits.

Parliament called on the Commission to:

- forward the minutes and conclusions of any consultations held in accordance with the Agreement;
- submit to Parliament and the Council, within the last year of application of the agreement and before the opening of negotiations for its renewal, a full report on its implementation.

Parliament called on the Commission and the Council to keep it immediately and fully informed at all stages of the procedures related to the agreement and its renewal.

The resolution stressed that access to the internal market for any third country must build on reciprocity and that the task of the Commission is to ensure that custom duties on food and fisheries products from the EU are not set in a way contrary to the principles of free trade in the area of food products, including fisheries products.