



Procedure file

Basic information	
DEA - Delegated acts procedure	2018/2614(DEA)
Procedure completed - delegated act rejected	
Fisheries conservation measures for the protection of the marine environment in the North Sea Supplementing 2011/0195(COD)	
Subject 3.15.01 Fish stocks, conservation of fishery resources	
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Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	PECH Fisheries	 CADEC Alain	15/05/2018

Key events			
02/03/2018	Non-legislative basic document published	C(2018)01194	
02/03/2018	Initial period for examining delegated act 2 month(s)		
14/03/2018	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
23/03/2018	Initial period for examining delegated act extended at Parliament's request by 2 month(s)		
14/06/2018	Results of vote in Parliament		
14/06/2018	Decision by Parliament	T8-0265/2018	Summary

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2018/2614(DEA)
Procedure type	DEA - Delegated acts procedure
Procedure subtype	Examination of delegated act
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 111-p03
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed - delegated act rejected
Committee dossier	PECH/8/12379

Documentation gateway				
Non-legislative basic document		C(2018)01194	02/03/2018	EC
Amendments tabled in committee		PE622.222	24/05/2018	EP

Motion for a resolution objecting delegated act		B8-0299/2018	11/06/2018	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T8-0265/2018	14/06/2018	EP	Summary
Commission response to text adopted in plenary		SP(2018)567	13/11/2018	EC	

Fisheries conservation measures for the protection of the marine environment in the North Sea

The European Parliament adopted by 484 votes to 77 with 15 abstentions a resolution objecting to the Commission delegated regulation amending [Delegated Regulation \(EU\) 2017/118](#) establishing fisheries conservation measures for the protection of the marine environment in the North Sea.

In the framework of the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP), fisheries conservation measures can be adopted to ensure compliance with environmental legislation (Habitats and Birds Directives, Marine Strategy Framework Directive), as provided for in Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013.

The proposed delegated regulation aims to adopt the necessary measures to ensure compliance with the obligations established under the Marine Strategy Framework Directive (Directive 2008/56 / EC).

Parliament notes the following:

- the Scientific, Technical and Economic Committee for Fisheries (STECF), in its scientific advice, voiced a number of concerns as regards the effectiveness of the proposed measures for protected species and habitats and seafloor integrity. Those concerns have not been fully reflected in the recitals to the delegated regulation under review;
- the STECF also noted in its scientific advice that the figures relating to the fishing activity in question on which the proposed measures are based are from 2010-2012 and could therefore be outdated;
- the unquantified number of vessels that would be covered by the partially temporary exemptions under Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2017/118, as amended by the delegated regulation under review, could well have an impact on the effectiveness of the proposed measures;
- the definition of alternative seabed-impacting fishing gear set out in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2017/118, as amended by the delegated regulation under review, needs to be further specified;
- the impact of the proposed alternative seabed-impacting fishing gear could still be significantly higher than that of other, partially prohibited gear (Danish and Scottish seines);
- lastly, the review and reporting clause of the proposed delegated act does not apply to the newly proposed zones and their management.

Bearing these considerations in mind, Parliament objected to the Commission delegated regulation.