

# Procedure file

Basic information	
NLE - Non-legislative enactments	2021/0184(NLE)
Procedure completed	
Convention on the Conservation and Management of High Seas Fisheries Resources in the North Pacific Ocean: accession of the European Union	
Subject	
3.15.01 Fish stocks, conservation of fishery resources	
3.15.15.06 Fisheries agreements with Pacific countries	

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	 <a href="#">Fisheries</a>		30/11/2021
		 <a href="#">RUISSSEN Bert-Jan</a>	
		Shadow rapporteur	
		 <a href="#">MATO Gabriel</a>	
		 <a href="#">CARVALHAIS Isabel</a>	
		 <a href="#">GADE Søren</a>	
		 <a href="#">ROOSE Caroline</a>	
Council of the European Union			
European Commission	Commission DG <a href="#">Maritime Affairs and Fisheries</a>	Commissioner SINKEVIČIUS Virginijus	

Key events			
08/07/2021	Preparatory document	<a href="#">COM(2021)0372</a>	
18/11/2021	Legislative proposal published	12617/2021	
22/11/2021	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
25/01/2022	Vote in committee		
26/01/2022	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	<a href="#">A9-0008/2022</a>	Summary
15/02/2022	Decision by Parliament	<a href="#">T9-0020/2022</a>	Summary
15/02/2022	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
28/02/2022	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
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Procedure type	NLE - Non-legislative enactments
Procedure subtype	Consent by Parliament
Legal basis	Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 218-p6a; Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 043-p2
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 159
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	PECH/9/06789

### Documentation gateway

Preparatory document		<a href="#">COM(2021)0372</a>	08/07/2021	EC	Summary
Legislative proposal		12617/2021	18/11/2021	CSL	
Committee draft report		<a href="#">PE700.714</a>	03/12/2021	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">A9-0008/2022</a>	26/01/2022	EP	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">T9-0020/2022</a>	15/02/2022	EP	Summary

### Final act

[Decision 2022/314](#)  
[OJ L 055 28.02.2022, p. 0012](#)

## Convention on the Conservation and Management of High Seas Fisheries Resources in the North Pacific Ocean: accession of the European Union

The Committee on Fisheries adopted the report by Bert-Jan RUISSSEN (ECR, NL) on the draft Council decision on the draft Council decision concerning the accession of the European Union to the Convention on the Conservation and Management of High Seas Fisheries Resources in the North Pacific Ocean.

The committee recommended that the European Parliament give its consent to the draft Council decision.

The Convention on the Conservation and Management of High Seas Fishery Resources in the North Pacific Ocean was signed on 24 February 2012 and entered into force on 19 July 2015. Its aim is to ensure the long-term conservation and sustainable use of fishery resources in the Convention Area while protecting the North Pacific marine ecosystems in which those resources occur.

By acceding to the Convention, the Union intends to give the Member States and Union vessels concerned access to the fishery resources in the Convention area. Accession to the North Pacific Ocean Convention creates new opportunities for EU vessels. It would promote consistency in the EU's approach to conservation across the worlds oceans and reinforce its commitment to the long-term conservation and sustainable use of fisheries resources globally.

With a view to reaching its objectives, the Convention provides for the following actions to be taken:

- promoting the optimum utilization and ensuring the long-term sustainability of fisheries resources;
- adopting measures, based on the best scientific information available, to ensure that fisheries resources are maintained at or restored to levels capable of producing maximum sustainable yield;
- adopting and implementing measures in accordance with the precautionary approach and an ecosystem approach to fisheries, and in accordance with the relevant rules of international law;
- assessing the impacts of fishing activities on species belonging to the same ecosystem or dependent upon or associated with the target stocks and adopting, where necessary, conservation and management measures for such species;
- protecting biodiversity in the marine environment;
- preventing or eliminating overfishing and excess fishing capacity;
- ensuring that complete and accurate data concerning fishing activities are collected and shared in a timely and appropriate manner;
- ensuring that any expansion of fishing effort, development of new or exploratory fisheries, or change in the gear used for existing fisheries, does not proceed without prior assessment of the impacts of those fishing activities on the long-term sustainability of fisheries resources;
- ensuring compliance with conservation and management measures and that sanctions applicable in respect of violations are adequate in

severity to be effective in securing compliance, to discourage violations wherever they occur and to deprive offenders of the benefits accruing from their illegal activities;

- minimising pollution and waste originating from fishing vessels, discards, catch by lost or abandoned gear, and impacts on other species and marine ecosystems.

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The European Parliament adopted by 675 votes to 4, with 16 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the draft Council decision concerning the accession of the European Union to the Convention on the Conservation and Management of High Seas Fisheries Resources in the North Pacific Ocean.

Parliament gave its consent to the draft Council decision.

The Convention was signed on 24 February 2012 and entered into force on 19 July 2015. At its sixth annual session, held from 23 to 25 February 2021, the North Pacific Fisheries Commission accepted the European Union's application for accession to the Convention. The EU had submitted several applications to join the Convention, in 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021.

The aim of the Convention on the Conservation and Management of High Seas Fishery Resources in the North Pacific Ocean is to ensure the long-term conservation and sustainable use of fishery resources in the Convention Area while protecting the North Pacific marine ecosystems in which these resources occur.

By acceding to the Convention, the EU intends to provide access to fisheries resources in the Convention area for the Member States and Union vessels concerned. Accession to the North Pacific Ocean Convention creates new opportunities for Union vessels. It will promote consistency in the EU's approach to conservation across the oceans and strengthen its commitment to long-term conservation and sustainable use of the world's fisheries resources.