







# Procedure file

Basic information	
COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure) Regulation  Conservation and enforcement measures applicable in the Regulatory Area of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organisation (NAFO)  Amending Regulation 2019/833 <a href="#">2018/0304(COD)</a>  Subject 3.15.01 Fish stocks, conservation of fishery resources 3.15.07 Fisheries inspectorate, surveillance of fishing vessels and areas 3.15.15 Fisheries agreements and cooperation	Awaiting Parliament's position in 1st reading

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
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Council of the European Union	Commission DG	Commissioner	
European Commission	<a href="#">Maritime Affairs and Fisheries</a>	SINKEVIČIUS Virginijus	
European Economic and Social Committee			

Key events			
16/02/2022	Legislative proposal published	<a href="#">COM(2022)0051</a>	Summary
17/02/2022	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		
20/06/2022	Vote in committee, 1st reading		
28/06/2022	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading	<a href="#">A9-0198/2022</a>	Summary

Forecasts	
15/09/2022	Debate in plenary scheduled

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2022/0035(COD)
Procedure type	COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure)
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Regulation
	Amending Regulation 2019/833 <a href="#">2018/0304(COD)</a>
Legal basis	Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 043-p2
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 159
Mandatory consultation of other institutions	<a href="#">European Economic and Social Committee</a>
Stage reached in procedure	Awaiting Parliament's position in 1st reading
Committee dossier	PECH/9/08402

Documentation gateway					
Legislative proposal		<a href="#">COM(2022)0051</a>	16/02/2022	EC	Summary
Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report		<a href="#">CES1131/2022</a>	23/03/2022	ESC	
Committee draft report		<a href="#">PE732.564</a>	30/05/2022	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">A9-0198/2022</a>	28/06/2022	EP	Summary
Coreper letter confirming interinstitutional agreement		GEDA/A/(2022)005278	13/07/2022	CSL	

## Conservation and enforcement measures applicable in the Regulatory Area of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organisation (NAFO)

**PURPOSE:** to transpose into EU law the amendments to the conservation and enforcement measures adopted by the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organisation (NAFO) at its annual meeting in September 2021.

**PROPOSED ACT:** Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council.

**ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT:** the European Parliament decides in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure and on an equal footing with the Council.

**BACKGROUND:** the NAFO Convention provides that conservation measures adopted by the NAFO Commission are binding and that Contracting Parties are obliged to implement them. The EU has been a Contracting Party to NAFO since 1979.

[Regulation \(EU\) 2019/833](#) implemented into Union law the NAFO conservation and enforcement measures.

The NAFO subsequently adopted at its 43rd Annual Meeting in September 2021, a number of legally binding decisions for the conservation of fishery resources under its purview as regards catch retention of Others quota, port inspection of landings of Cod in Division 3M and of Greenland halibut, monitoring and reinforced provisions concerning infringements and their enforcement.

This proposal relates to the amendments adopted by NAFO at its annual meeting in September 2021. These amendments entered into force on 2 December 2021 and apply from that date.

**CONTENT:** this proposal aims to amend Regulation (EU) 2019/833 in order to apply the new NAFO conservation and enforcement measures to Union fishing vessels.

The proposal implements the amendments adopted at the NAFO annual meeting of September 2021 concerning the calculation of Others quota, introducing flanking measures for Cod in Division 3M in relation to inspection of landings, as well as Greenland halibut.

The amendments also include revised provisions concerning additional procedures, serious infringements in relation to use of mesh sizes, grid or grate, and reinforced measures relating follow-up for infringements, as well as transmission of documents to NAFO and European Fisheries Control Agency.

The proposal also delegates to the Commission powers to amend the Regulation (EU) 2019/833 concerning landing, inspection for Greenland halibut and control measures for Cod in Division 3M, if NAFO amends its measures in the future.

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The Committee on Fisheries adopted the report by Isabel CARVALHAIS (S&D, PT) on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) 2019/833 laying down conservation and enforcement measures applicable in the Regulatory Area of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organisation.

The committee responsible recommended that the European Parliament's position adopted at first reading under the ordinary legislative procedure should endorse the Commission's proposal.

The objective of this proposal is to transpose into EU law the amendments to the conservation and enforcement measures adopted by the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organisation (NAFO), to which the EU is a Contracting Party, at its annual meeting in 2021. The NAFO Convention stipulates that the conservation measures adopted by the NAFO Commission are binding and that the Contracting Parties are obliged to implement them.

In the explanatory memorandum accompanying the draft resolution, the rapporteur stressed that it is essential to ensure compliance with the best conservation measures for fisheries in these waters, given the particular sensitivity of certain target species, especially those with long life cycles.

The rapporteur also insisted on:

- the transposition into the EU legal framework of several decisions taken at the NAFO annual meeting in September 2021, in particular, concerning the calculation of Others quota, introducing flanking measures for Cod in Division 3M in relation to inspection of landings, as well as Greenland halibut;
- the transposition of revised provisions concerning additional procedures, serious infringements in relation to use of mesh sizes, grid or grate, and reinforced measures relating follow-up for infringements, as well as transmission of documents to NAFO and European Fisheries Control Agency.

Recalling that the gear used by fisheries in the Convention area is trawl gear, which affects the integrity of the seabed, the rapporteur stressed the importance of ensuring that the exploitation of a resource has a limited impact on habitats, other resources and other species.