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amending Regulation (EU) 2019/1241 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards geographic coordinates in Annexes VII and XIII thereto

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2019/1241 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 June 2019 on the conservation of fisheries resources and the protection of marine ecosystems through technical measures, amending Council Regulations (EC) No 1967/2006, (EC) No 1224/2009 and Regulations (EU) No 1380/2013, (EU) 2016/1139, (EU) 2018/973, (EU) 2019/472 and (EU) 2019/1022 of the European Parliament and of the Council, and repealing Council Regulations (EC) No 894/97, (EC) No 850/98, (EC) No 2549/2000, (EC) No 254/2002, (EC) No 812/2004 and (EC) No 2187/2005 ([1]), and in particular Article 15(2) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Regulation (EU) 2019/1241 lays down technical measures for the conservation of fisheries resources and the protection of marine ecosystems. More particularly, it sets out in Annex VII thereto the technical measures established at regional level for the South Western Waters, while Annex XIII thereto sets out mitigation measures to reduce incidental catches of sensitive species.

(2) Regulation (EU) 2019/1241 was amended by Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2023/56 ([2]) and further updated by Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2024/3204 ([3]). Delegated Regulation (EU) 2023/56 established several time-area closures in the South-Western Waters. That Delegated Regulation followed a joint recommendation submitted by Belgium, Spain, France, the Netherlands and Portugal, the South-Western Waters Member States, in March 2021. That joint recommendation detailed the geographic coordinates of the areas where the measures should apply.

(3) The South-Western Waters Member States informed the Commission about errors in the geographic coordinates of the areas in the western part of the Cantabrian Sea, opposite to Asturias and Galicia, and requested their correction. The errors appear in all official language versions of the text, and Annex VII to Regulation (EU) 2019/1241 should be corrected accordingly.

(4) Regulation (EU) 2019/1241 was amended by Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/303 ([4]), and following those amendments it established area closures and fishing restrictions in a number of areas in the Baltic Sea to reduce incidental catches of the Baltic Proper harbour porpoise (*Phocoena phocoena*). That Delegated Regulation followed two joint recommendations submitted by Denmark, Germany, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Finland and Sweden, the Baltic Sea Member States ('BALTFISH'), in December 2020 and in September 2021, respectively. Those joint recommendations detailed the geographic coordinates of the areas where the measures should apply.

([1]) OJ L 198, 25.07.2019, p. 105, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2019/1241/oj.

([2]) Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2023/56 of 19 July 2022 amending Regulation (EU) 2019/1241 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards specific technical measures for red seabream (*Pagellus bogaraveo*) in ICES subareas 6 to 8 (OJ L 5, 6.1.2023, p. 1, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_del/2023/56/oj).

([3]) Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2024/3204 of 11 October 2024 amending Regulation (EU) 2019/1241 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards short-necked clam and red seabream (OJ L, 2024/3204, 31.12.2024, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_del/2024/3204/oj).

([4]) Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/303 of 15 December 2021 amending Regulation (EU) 2019/1241 as regards measures to reduce incidental catches of the resident population of the Baltic Proper harbour porpoise (*Phocoena phocoena*) in the Baltic Sea (OJ L 46, 25.2.2022, p. 67, http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_del/2022/303/oj).

(5) BALTFISH informed the Commission about errors in the geographic coordinates of the sites Adlergrund and Northern Midsea Bank and requested their correction. The errors appear in all official language versions of the text, and Annex XIII to Regulation (EU) 2019/1241 should be corrected accordingly.

(6) Regulation (EU) 2019/1241 should be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Annexes VII and XIII to Regulation (EU) 2019/1241 are amended in accordance with the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 28 May 2025.

For the Commission
The President
Ursula VON DER LEYEN

ANNEX

Annexes VII and XIII of Regulation (EU) 2019/1241 are amended as follows:

(1) in Annex VII, in Part C, point 5.1 is replaced by the following:

‘5.1. From 1 February to 30 September each year, fishing with bottom set longlines (LLS) and bottom trawls (OTB) in the western area of the Cantabrian Sea, opposite to Asturias and Galicia, shall be prohibited within the geographical areas enclosed by sequentially joining with rhumb lines the following coordinates, which shall be measured according to the WGS84 system:

— 43°47'00" N, 005°15'00" W

— 43°47'00" N, 005°12'00" W

— 43°43'00" N, 005°12'00" W

— 43°43'00" N, 005°15'00" W

— 43°55'00" N, 006°46'00" W

— 43°55'00" N, 006°37'00" W

— 43°53'00" N, 006°46'00" W

— 43°53'00" N, 006°37'00" W

— 44°00'49" N, 007°01'12" W

— 44°00'49" N, 006°57'26" W

— 43°58'32" N, 006°57'26" W

— 43°58'32" N, 007°01'12" W

— 44°02'48" N, 007°13'49" W

— 44°02'48" N, 007°10'03”W

— 44°00'15" N, 007°10'03" W

— 44°00'15" N, 007°13'49" W

— 44°10'00" N, 008°18'00" W

— 44°10'00" N, 008°14'00" W

— 44°07'00" N, 008°14'00" W

— 44°07'00" N, 008°18'00" W

— 43°34'00" N, 004°44'00" W

— 43°34'00" N, 004°39'00" W

— 43°32'00" N, 004°39'00" W

— 43°32'00" N, 004°44'00" W

— 44°07'00" N, 007°50'00" W

— 44°07'00" N, 007°45'00" W

— 44°05'00" N, 007°45'00" W

— 44°05'00" N, 007°50'00" W';

(2) in Annex XIII, Part A is amended as follows:

(a) point 3.1 is replaced by the following:

'3.1. Fishing shall only be permitted with pots, fish traps and longlines within the following areas enclosed by sequentially joining with rhumb lines the following coordinates, which shall be measured according to the WGS84 system:

"Northern Midsea Bank":

— 56,241°N	— 17,042°E
— 56,022°N	— 17,202°E
— 56,145°N	— 17,710°E
— 56,380°N	— 17,675°E';

(b) point 3.3. shall be amended as follows:

'Between 1 November and 31 January, fishing with static nets ([1]) shall be prohibited in the areas enclosed by rhumb lines, seaward separation lines of the German EEZ ([2]) or delimitation lines of the German territorial sea ([3]) sequentially joining the following sets of coordinates, which shall be measured according to the WGS84 system:';

(c) in point 3.3, the sections 'Natura 2000 site "Adlergrund" (DE1251301)', 'Natura 2000 site "Westliche Rönnebank" (DE1249301)' and 'Natura 2000 site "Pommersche Bucht mit Oderbank" (DE1652301)' are replaced as follows:

'Natura 2000 site "Westliche Rönnebank" (DE1249301)

The geographical area enclosed by:

(1) rhumb lines sequentially joining the following coordinates:

Point	Latitude (N)	Longitude (E)
MGI-01	54,719193°	13,901025°
MGI-02	54,770556°	14,003889°
MGI-03	54,702500°	14,103889°
MGI-04	54,647584°	13,991417°

([1]) Semi-driftnets, classified in the European Commission Fleet Register as a gillnet (GNS), that are anchored to the seabed at one side, fall within the definition of static nets.

([2]) According to official nautical charts No 2920 and 2921 published by the German Maritime Authority [BSH- Bundesamt für Seeschifffahrt und Hydrographie].

([3]) According to official nautical charts No 2920 and 2921 published by the German Maritime Authority [BSH- Bundesamt für Seeschifffahrt und Hydrographie].

(2) seaward delimitation line of the German territorial sea from 54,647584° N 13,991417° E to 54,719193° N 13,901025° E.

Natura 2000 site “Adlergrund” (DE1251301)

The geographical area enclosed by:

(1) rhumb lines sequentially joining the following coordinates:

Point	Latitude (N)	Longitude (E)
MGII-01	54,811946°	14,239196°
MGII-02	54,721667°	14,141667°
MGII-03	54,698889°	14,117222°
MGII-04	54,657727°	14,413062°

(2) seaward separation line between the German and Danish Exclusive Economic Zones from 54,657727° N 14,413062° E to 54,811946° N 14,239196° E.

Natura 2000 site “Pommersche Bucht mit Oderbank” (DE1652301)

The geographical area enclosed by:

(1) rhumb line sequentially joining the following coordinates:

Point	Latitude (N)	Longitude (E)
MGIII-01	54,500000°	14,055211°
MGIII -02	54,500000°	14,742241°

(2) seaward separation line between the German and Polish Exclusive Economic Zones from 54,5° N 14,742241° E to 54,126151° N 14,201431° E

(3) seaward delimitation line of the German territorial sea from 54,126151° N 14,201431° E to 54,5° N 14,055211° E’;

(d) in point 3.3, the Section ‘Natura 2000 site “Pommersche Bucht” (DE1552401)’ is replaced by the following:

‘Natura 2000 site “Pommersche Bucht” (DE1552401)

The geographical area enclosed by:

(1) rhumb lines sequentially joining the following coordinates:

Point	Latitude (N)	Longitude (E)
MGIV-01	54,647584°	13,991417°
MGIV-02	54,702500°	14,103889°
MGIV-03	54,721667°	14,141667°
MGIV-04	54,811946°	14,239196°

(2) seaward separation lines between the German and Danish Exclusive Economic Zones from 54,811946° N 14,239196° E to 54,657727° N 14,413062° E, the German and Danish or German and Polish Exclusive Economic Zones from 54,657727° N 14,413062° E to 54,5° N 14,742241° E and the German and Polish Exclusive Economic Zones from 54,5° N 14,742241° E to 54,126151° N 14,201431° E

(3) seaward delimitation line of the German territorial sea from 54,126151° N 14,201431° E to 54,5° N 14,055211° E and 54,5° N 14,055211° E to 54,647584° N 13,991417° E.’.