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Common fisheries policy (CFP): restrictions to the access to Union waters

European Parliament legislative resolution of 22 November 2022 on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013, as regards restrictions to the access to Union waters (COM(2021)0356 — C9-0254/2021 — 2021/0176(COD))

(Ordinary legislative procedure: first reading)

(2023/C 167/24)

The European Parliament,

— having regard to the Commission proposal to Parliament and the Council (COM(2021)0356),

— having regard to Article 294(2) and Article 43(2) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, pursuant to which the Commission submitted the proposal to Parliament (C9-0254/2021),

— having regard to Article 294(3) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

— having regard to the opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee of 22 September 2021 ([1])

— having regard to the provisional agreement approved by the committee responsible under Rule 74(4) of its Rules of Procedure and the undertaking given by the Council representative by letter of 12 October 2022 to approve Parliament's position, in accordance with Article 294(4) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

— having regard to Rule 59 of its Rules of Procedure,

— having regard to the opinion of the Committee on Regional Development,

— having regard to the report of the Committee on Fisheries (A9-0206/2022),

1. Adopts its position at first reading hereinafter set out;

2. Approves the joint statement by Parliament and the Commission annexed to this resolution, which will be published in the C series of the *Official Journal of the European Union*;

3. Takes note of the statement by the Commission annexed to this resolution, which will be published in the C series of the *Official Journal of the European Union*;

4. Calls on the Commission to refer the matter to Parliament again if it replaces, substantially amends or intends to substantially amend its proposal;

5. Instructs its President to forward its position to the Council, the Commission and the national parliaments.

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Position of the European Parliament adopted at first reading on 22 November 2022 with a view to the adoption of Regulation (EU) 2022/… of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 as regards restrictions to the access to Union waters

(As an agreement was reached between Parliament and Council, Parliament's position corresponds to the final legislative act, Regulation (EU) 2022/2495.)

([1]) OJ C 517, 22.12.2021, p. 123.

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ANNEX TO THE LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

Statement by the European Parliament and the Commission on fisheries in the Channel

The European Parliament and the Commission take note of the situation of fisheries in the Channel and the concerns raised by local and regional fisheries stakeholders, including fishers, regarding the use of demersal seines by numerous vessels.

The European Parliament and the Commission encourage close cooperation between those stakeholders and initiatives from them and invite Member States to follow up, where relevant, with the submission of joint recommendations. The Commission will follow up with measures, where appropriate, including technical measures, based on consultations of stakeholders and an assessment by the relevant scientific bodies including an assessment of socio-economic impacts. In that regard, the Commission will ensure that funding is available for scientific research and advice.

Statement by the Commission on review of the CFP Regulation

In the event that it considers a review of the CFP Regulation, the Commission will conduct an impact assessment, along the lines of the Better Regulation principles. The Commission will make available to the co-legislators the impact assessment at the moment it publishes such proposal.

Alternatively, it will consider reporting on the implementation of the Common Fisheries Policy at the latest by 2032.