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	- Outcome of the European Parliament's proceedings
	(Strasbourg, 12 to 15 November 2018)

I. INTRODUCTION

The rapporteur, Ruža TOMAŠIĆ (ECR, HR), presented a report to the proposal for a Regulation on behalf of the Committee on Fisheries. The report contained 84 amendments (1-84) to the proposal.

In addition, the political groups tabled the following amendments: S&D ptabled 5 amendments (93, 94, 95, 96, 97), ALDE tabled 5 amendments (88, 89, 90, 91, 92), ECR tabled 3 amendments (85, 86, 87), and Greens/EFA tabled 14 amendments (98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, and 111).

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II. VOTE

When it voted on 13 November 2018, the plenary adopted amendments 1-6, 8-45, 47-78, 80-82, 84, 86-87, 99. 104 to the proposal for a Regulation.

The Commission's proposal as thus amended constitutes the Parliament's first-reading position which is contained in its legislative resolution as set out in the Annex hereto¹.

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¹ The version of the Parliament's position in the legislative resolution has been marked up to indicate the changes made by the amendments to the Commission's proposal. Additions to the Commission's text are highlighted in *bold and italics*. The symbol " ■ " indicates deleted text.

Multiannual plan for small pelagic stocks in the Adriatic Sea and the fisheries exploiting those stocks ***I

European Parliament legislative resolution of 13 November 2018 on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a multi-annual plan for small pelagic stocks in the Adriatic Sea and the fisheries exploiting those stocks (COM(2017)0097 - C8-0095/2017 - 2017/0043(COD))

(Ordinary legislative procedure: first reading)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Commission proposal to Parliament and the Council (COM(2017)0097),
- having regard to Article 294(2) and 43(2) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, pursuant to which the Commission submitted the proposal to Parliament (C8-0095/2017),
- 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 31 May 2017^{2} ,
- having regard to Rule 59 of its Rules of Procedure,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Fisheries and the position in the form of amendments of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (A8-0337/2018),
- 1. Adopts its position at first reading hereinafter set out;
- 2. Calls on the Commission to refer the matter to Parliament again if it replaces, substantially amends or intends to substantially amend its proposal;
- Instructs its President to forward its position to the Council, the Commission and the national 3. parliaments.

OJ C 288, 31.8.2017, p. 68.

Proposal for a regulation Recital 1

Text proposed by the Commission

(1) The common fisheries policy (CFP) should contribute to the protection of the marine environment, to the sustainable management of all commercially exploited species, and in particular to the achievement of good environmental status in the marine environment by 2020 in accordance with Article 1(1) of Directive 2008/56/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council.³

Amendment

(1) The common fisheries policy (CFP) should contribute to the protection of the marine environment, to the sustainable management of all commercially exploited species, and in particular to the achievement of good environmental status in the marine environment by 2020 in accordance with Article 1(1) of Directive 2008/56/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council³, and favourable conservation status for species and habitats in accordance with Council Directive 92/43/EEC^{3a} and Directive 2009/147/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council^{3b}.

Amendment 2

Proposal for a regulation Recital 1 a (new)

³ Directive 2008/56/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 June 2008 establishing a framework for community action in the field of marine environmental policy (Marine Strategy Framework Directive) (OJ L 164, 25.6.2008, p. 19).

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^{3a} Council Directive 92/43/EEC of 21 May 1992 on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora (OJ L 206, 22.7.1992, p. 7).

^{3b} Directive 2009/147/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 November 2009 on the conservation of wild birds (OJ L 20, 26.1.2010, p. 7).

(1a) At the World Summit on Sustainable Development held in New York in 2015, the Union and its Member States committed themselves, by 2020, to effectively regulate harvesting and end overfishing, illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing and destructive fishing practices and implement science-based management plans, in order to restore fish stocks, in the shortest time feasible, at least to levels that can produce the maximum sustainable yield as determined by their biological characteristics.

Amendment 3

Proposal for a regulation Recital 2

Text proposed by the Commission

(2) Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council⁴ establishes the rules of the CFP in line with the international obligations of the Union. The objectives of the CFP are, inter alia, to ensure that fishing and aquaculture activities are environmentally sustainable in the long term, to apply the precautionary approach to fisheries management, and to implement the ecosystem-based approach to fisheries management.

Amendment

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⁴ Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 on the Common Fisheries Policy, amending Council Regulations (EC) No 1954/2003 and (EC) No 1224/2009 and repealing Council Regulations (EC) No 2371/2002 and (EC) No 639/2004 and Council Decision

⁴ Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 on the Common Fisheries Policy, amending Council Regulations (EC) No 1954/2003 and (EC) No 1224/2009 and repealing Council Regulations (EC) No 2371/2002 and (EC) No 639/2004 and Council Decision

Proposal for a regulation Recital 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(2a) In accordance with Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013, fisheries management based on the best available scientific advice requires harmonised, reliable and accurate data sets.

Amendment 5

Proposal for a regulation Recital 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(3a) The Adriatic Sea is an important sub-area within the Mediterranean, accounting for around one third of the total landings value.

Amendment 6

Proposal for a regulation Recital 4 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(4a) The management plans implemented and the technical measures introduced in 2016 are due to produce effects on the stocks and have to be analysed and taken into consideration when establishing the multiannual plan

Proposal for a regulation Recital 4 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(4b) The introduction of a minimum escapement approach requires changes to the biological sampling and research protocols which will take time, therefore requiring a transition period before it can be implemented.

Amendment 7

Proposal for a regulation Recital 5

Text proposed by the Commission

(5) Current management measures for small pelagics in the Adriatic Sea concern access to waters, control of fishing effort, technical measures to regulate gears' usage. Scientific advice has indicated that controlling catches is the most appropriate means of adapting fishing mortality and it would be a more effective management tool for small pelagics. 6

Amendment

(5) Current management measures for small pelagics in the Adriatic Sea concern access to waters, control of fishing effort *and* technical measures to regulate gears' usage.

⁶ Scientific, Technical and Economic Committee for Fisheries (STECF) Assessment of Mediterranean Sea stocks part 2 (STECF-11-14).

Proposal for a regulation Recital 6

Text proposed by the Commission

(6) To achieve the objectives of the CFP, a number of conservation measures are to be adopted as appropriate in any combination thereof, such as *multi-annual* plans, technical measures, *fixing and allocation of fishing opportunities*.

Amendment

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Amendment 9

Proposal for a regulation Recital 6 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(6a) The Adriatic Sea small pelagic fishery, especially in the Geographical Sub-Areas 17 and 18, has a very important socio-economic impact for the Member States' coastal community's livelihood and future.

Amendment 10

Proposal for a regulation Recital 6 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(6b) In line with the principles and objectives of the CFP and pursuant to Article 18 of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013, regionalisation should be used to adopt and implement measures that take into account the specificities of each

fisheries area and safeguard their environmental conditions.

Amendment 11

Proposal for a regulation Recital 6 c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(6c) Fishing opportunities should be allocated in accordance with the principles laid down in Article 17 of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013, using transparent and objective criteria, including those of an environmental, social and economic nature. Fishing opportunities should also be fairly distributed across the various fisheries segments, including traditional and small-scale fisheries. Moreover, Member States should provide incentives to fishing vessels deploying selective fishing gear or using fishing techniques with reduced environmental impact.

Amendment 12

Proposal for a regulation Recital 7

Text proposed by the Commission

(7) Pursuant to Articles 9 and 10 of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013, multiannual plans are to be based on scientific, technical and economic advice and contain objectives, quantifiable targets with clear timeframes, conservation reference points and safeguards.

Amendment

(7) Pursuant to Articles 9 and 10 of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013, multiannual plans are to be based on the best available scientific, technical and economic advice and contain objectives, quantifiable targets with clear timeframes, conservation reference points, *objectives* for conservation and technical measures for the implementation of the landing

obligation, as well as measures designed to avoid and reduce unwanted catches as far as possible, and safeguards.

Amendment 13

Proposal for a regulation Recital 8

Text proposed by the Commission

(8) The objective of the multiannual plan should be to contribute to achieving the objectives of the CFP, and especially *reaching* and maintaining *MSY for the* stocks *concerned*, achieving a sustainable fisheries sector and providing an effective management framework.

Amendment

(8) The objective of the multiannual plan should be to contribute to achieving the objectives of the CFP, and especially *restoring* and maintaining *fish* stocks *above biomass levels capable of producing MSY, implementing the landing obligation,* achieving a sustainable fisheries sector and providing an effective management framework.

Amendment 14

Proposal for a regulation Recital 8 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(8a) This Regulation should not be considered as a precedent for other multiannual plans in the Mediterranean Sea unless otherwise provided.

Amendment 15

Proposal for a regulation Recital 8 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(8b) A multiannual plan should always find a balance between the achievable result, taking into consideration the timeframe, and the socio-economic impact.

Amendment 16

Proposal for a regulation Recital 10

Text proposed by the Commission

(10) In line with the ecosystem-based approach *and in addition* to the *fisheries-related descriptor of* Directive 2008/56/EC, qualitative descriptors 1, 4 and 6 contained in Annex I to the Directive are to be considered in the framework of fisheries management.

Amendment

approach, this plan should also contribute to the achievement of good environmental status, as laid down in Directive 2008/56/EC, qualitative descriptors 1, 4 and 6 contained in Annex I to the Directive are to be considered in the framework of fisheries management. This plan should also contribute to the achievement of favourable conservation status for habitats and species as required by Directive 2009/147/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council ^{7a} and Council Directive 92/43/EC ^{7b} respectively.

Amendment 17

Proposal for a regulation Recital 11

^{7a} Directive 2009/147/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 November 2009 on the conservation of wild birds (OJ L 20, 26.1.2010, p. 7).

^{7b} Council Directive 92/43/EEC of 21 May 1992 on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora (OJ L 206, 22.7.1992, p. 7).

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(11) Article 16(4) of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 requires that fishing opportunities be fixed in accordance with the targets set out in the multiannual plans.

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Amendment 18

Proposal for a regulation Recital 12

Text proposed by the Commission

(12) It is appropriate to establish the target fishing mortality (F) that corresponds to the objective of reaching and maintaining MSY as ranges of values which are consistent with achieving maximum sustainable yield (FMSY). Those ranges, based on scientific advice, are necessary in order to provide flexibility to take account of developments in the scientific advice, to contribute to the implementation of the landing obligation and to take into account the characteristics of mixed fisheries. The FMSY ranges have been calculated by the Scientific, Technical and Economic Committee for Fisheries (STECF) and are derived to deliver no more than a 5 % reduction in long-term yield compared to MSY.8 In addition, the upper limit of the range is capped, so that the probability of the stock falling below Blim is no more than 5 %.

(12) It is appropriate to establish the target fishing mortality (F) that corresponds to the objective of reaching and maintaining MSY as ranges of values which are consistent with achieving maximum sustainable yield (FMSY). Those ranges, based on best available scientific advice, are necessary in order to provide flexibility to take account of developments in the scientific advice, to contribute to the implementation of the landing obligation and to take into account the characteristics of mixed fisheries. The FMSY ranges have been calculated by the Scientific, Technical and Economic Committee for Fisheries (STECF). 7c Based on this plan they are derived to deliver no more than a 5 % reduction in long-term yield compared to MSY. In addition, the upper limit of the range is capped, so that the probability of the stock falling below Blim is no more than 5 %.

Amendment

⁸ Scientific, Technical and Economic Committee for Fisheries (STECF) – Small pelagic stocks in the Adriatic Sea. Mediterranean assessments part 1 (STECF-15-14). 2015. [Publications Office of the European Union, Luxembourg, EUR 27492 EN, JRC

^{7c} Scientific, Technical and Economic Committee for Fisheries (STECF) – Small pelagic stocks in the Adriatic Sea. Mediterranean assessments part 1 (STECF-15-14). 2015. [Publications Office of the European Union, Luxembourg, EUR 27492 EN, JRC

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Amendment 19

Proposal for a regulation Recital 13

Text proposed by the Commission

(13) For the purposes of fixing fishing opportunities, there should be a threshold for FMSY ranges in normal use and, provided that the stock concerned is considered to be in a good state, a higher limit for certain cases. It should only be possible to fix fishing opportunities up to the higher limit if, on the basis of scientific advice or evidence, it is necessary for the achievement of the objectives laid down in this Regulation in mixed fisheries or necessary to avoid harm to a stock caused by intra- or inter-species stock dynamics, or in order to limit the year-on-year variations in fishing opportunities.

Amendment

(13) For the purposes of reaching the objectives of the multiannual plan, the target for each of the species should be SSBpa. It should only be possible to fix a higher target if, on the basis of scientific advice or evidence, it is necessary for the achievement of the objectives laid down in this Regulation in mixed fisheries or necessary to avoid harm to a stock caused by intra- or inter-species stock dynamics, or where one of the stocks of small pelagics is below SSBlim.

Amendment 20

Proposal for a regulation Recital 15

Text proposed by the Commission

(15) For stocks for which they are available and for the purpose of the application of safeguard measures, it is necessary to establish conservation reference points expressed as MSY Btrigger and Blim for anchovy and sardine stocks. Should the stocks fall below MSY Btrigger, fishing mortality

Amendment

(15) For the purpose of the application of safeguard measures, it is necessary to establish conservation reference points expressed as *SSBlim and SSBpa for small pelagics*. Should the stocks fall below *SSBlim, appropriate remedial measures should be adopted to contribute to the rapid return of the stock concerned to*

Proposal for a regulation Recital 16

Text proposed by the Commission

(16) Further safeguard measures should be implemented in case the stock size falls below the Blim reference point. Safeguard measures should include the reduction of fishing opportunities and specific conservation measures when scientific advice indicates that a stock is under threat. Those measures should be supplemented by other measures, as appropriate, such as Commission measures in accordance with Article 12 of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 or Member States measures in accordance with Article 13 of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013.

Amendment

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Amendment 22

Proposal for a regulation Recital 17

Text proposed by the Commission

(17) For stocks where the reference points are not available, the precautionary principle should apply. In the specific case of stocks taken as by-catches, in the absence of scientific advice on the levels of minimum spawning biomass of such stocks, specific conservation measures should be adopted when scientific advice indicates that remedial measures are needed.

Amendment

(17) For stocks where the reference points are not available, the precautionary principle should apply.

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Proposal for a regulation Recital 18

Text proposed by the Commission

(18) In order to enable the implementation of the landing obligation established by Article 15(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013, the plan should provide for additional management measures. Such measures should be laid down by means of delegated acts.

Amendment

(18) In order to enable the implementation of the landing obligation established by Article 15(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013, the plan should provide for additional management measures, in particular measures to gradually eliminate discards, to count fish below the minimum conservation reference size and to minimise, and where possible eliminate, the negative impacts of fishing activities on the marine environment. Such measures should be laid down by means of delegated acts.

Amendment 24

Proposal for a regulation Recital 18 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(18a) A joint recommendation by Croatia, Italy and Slovenia (Adriatica High-Level Group) and a study on technical characteristics of purse seine nets and their impact on bottom communities were submitted to, and revised by, independent experts and STECF. It is therefore appropriate to provide for a derogation from the second subparagraph of Article 13(3) of and point 2 of Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1967/2006.

Amendment 25

Proposal for a regulation Recital 19 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(19a) When scientific advice indicates that recreational fisheries have a significant impact on the fishing mortality of a particular stock, the Council should take them into account. To that effect the Council should be able to set a TAC for commercial catches which takes into account the volume of recreational catches and/or to adopt other measures restricting recreational fisheries such as bag limits and closure periods.

Amendment 26

Proposal for a regulation Recital 20

Text proposed by the Commission

(20) The plan should also provide for certain accompanying technical measures to be adopted, by means of delegated acts, in order to contribute to achieving the objectives of the plan, in particular as regards the protection of juvenile fish or to improve selectivity.

Amendment

(20) The plan should also provide for certain accompanying technical, as well as temporal and spatial measures to be adopted, by means of delegated acts, and taking into account the best available scientific advice, in order to contribute to achieving the objectives of the plan, in particular as regards the protection of juvenile fish or to improve selectivity.

Amendment 27

Proposal for a regulation Recital 20 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(20a) Artisanal fishing gear based on historical practices established in fishing communities should be safeguarded when defining the technical measures resulting from the multiannual plan or delegated

Proposal for a regulation Recital 21 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(21a) In order to enable the industry to cope with the fishing effort reduction measures and the consequent reduction in income for businesses and for seafarers, there should be arrangements for priority access to appropriate support from the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF) in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 508/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council^{9a}.

Amendment 29

Proposal for a regulation Recital 21 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(21b) In order to ensure an implementation which is consistent with the socio-economic impacts, it is therefore desirable, on the one hand, to grant derogations from the time limits for temporary cessation measures as referred to in Article 33 of Regulation (EU)

^{9a} Regulation (EU) No 508/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 May 2014 on the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and repealing Council Regulations (EC) No 2328/2003, (EC) No 861/2006, (EC) No 1198/2006 and (EC) No 791/2007 and Regulation (EU) No 1255/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 149, 20.5.2014, p. 1).

No 508/2014, extending it only to the vessels covered by this multiannual plan and, on the other hand, to allow reopening of and access by the same vessels to the permanent cessation measures provided for in Article 34 of that Regulation.

Amendment 30

Proposal for a regulation Recital 22

Text proposed by the Commission

(22) Recognising that in the Adriatic Sea vessels targeting small pelagics tend to carry out short fishing trips, the use of prior notification as required under Article 17 of Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009 should be adapted so that the prior notifications are submitted at least *one and a half* hour before the estimated time of arrival at port. However, considering the limited effect of fishing trips involving very small quantities of fish on the stocks concerned, it is appropriate to establish a threshold for such prior notifications, when these vessels retain on board at least 1 tonne of *anchovy or of sardine*.

Amendment

(22) Recognising that in the Adriatic Sea vessels targeting small pelagics tend to carry out short fishing trips, the use of prior notification as required under Article 17 of Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009 should be adapted so that the prior notifications are submitted at least *half an* hour before the estimated time of arrival at port. However, considering the limited effect of fishing trips involving very small quantities of fish on the stocks concerned, it is appropriate to establish a threshold for such prior notifications, when these vessels retain on board at least 1 tonne of *small pelagics*.

Amendment 31

Proposal for a regulation Recital 24

Text proposed by the Commission

(24) Thresholds should be established for catches of *anchovy and sardine* above which a fishing vessel is required to land in a designated port or a place close to the shore, in accordance with Article 43 of

Amendment

(24) Thresholds should be established for catches of *small pelagics* above which a fishing vessel is required to land in a designated port or a place close to the shore, in accordance with Article 43 of

Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009. Moreover, when designating those ports or places close to the shore, Member States should apply the criteria provided for in Article 43(5) of that Regulation in such a way as to ensure effective control.

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Amendment 32

Proposal for a regulation Recital 25

Text proposed by the Commission

(25) In order to adapt to the technical and scientific progress in a timely and proportionate fashion and to ensure flexibility and allow evolution of certain measures, the power to adopt acts in accordance with Article 290 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union should be delegated to the Commission in respect of supplementing this Regulation as regards remedial measures for the conservation of mackerel and horse *mackerel*, implementation of the landing obligation and technical measures. It is of particular importance that the Commission carries out appropriate consultations during its preparatory work, including at expert level, and that those consultations be conducted in accordance with the principles laid down in the Interinstitutional Agreement of 13 April 2016 on Better Law-Making. In particular, to ensure equal participation in the preparation of delegated acts, the European Parliament and the Council receive all documents at the same time as Member States' experts, and their experts systematically have access to meetings of Commission expert groups dealing with the preparation of delegated acts.

Amendment

(25) In order to adapt to the technical and scientific progress in a timely and proportionate fashion and to ensure flexibility and allow evolution of certain measures, the power to adopt acts in accordance with Article 290 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union should be delegated to the Commission in respect of supplementing this Regulation as regards implementation of the landing obligation and technical measures. It is of particular importance that the Commission carries out appropriate consultations during its preparatory work, including at expert level, and that those consultations be conducted in accordance with the principles laid down in the Interinstitutional Agreement of 13 April 2016 on Better Law-Making. In particular, to ensure equal participation in the preparation of delegated acts, the European Parliament and the Council receive all documents at the same time as Member States' experts, and their experts systematically have access to meetings of Commission expert groups dealing with the preparation of delegated acts.

Proposal for a regulation Recital 26

Text proposed by the Commission

(26) In accordance with Article 10(3) of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013, provisions should be established for the periodical assessment by the Commission of the adequacy and effectiveness of the application of this Regulation. Such assessment should follow and be based on a periodic evaluation of the plan that is based on scientific advice. The plan should be evaluated every five years. This period allows for the full implementation of the landing obligation, and for regionalised measures to be adopted, implemented and to show effects on the stocks and fishery. It is also a minimum required period by scientific bodies.

Amendment

(26) In accordance with Article 10(3) of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013, provisions should be established for the periodical assessment by the Commission of the adequacy and effectiveness of the application of this Regulation. Such assessment should follow and be based on a periodic evaluation of the plan that is based on scientific advice. The plan should be evaluated *three years after the entry* into force of this Regulation and every five years thereafter. This period allows for the full implementation of the landing obligation, and for regionalised measures to be adopted, implemented and to show effects on the stocks and fishery. It is also a minimum required period by scientific bodies.

Amendment 34

Proposal for a regulation Recital 27 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(27a) In order to support fishermen in the implementation of the measures provided for in this Regulation, Member States should make the widest possible use of the measures available under Regulation (EU) No 508/2014. It is appropriate to clarify that temporary cessation measures that have been adopted in order to attain the objectives of this Regulation can be deemed eligible for support under Regulation (EU) No 508/2014, in order to take into account the socio-economic

aspects of this Regulation. Furthermore, it is appropriate to grant a derogation, for vessels affected by this multiannual plan, from the periods during which support can be granted as well as from the cap on the financial contribution from the EMFF for temporary cessation measures laid down in Regulation (EU) No 508/2014.

Amendment 35

Proposal for a regulation Article 1 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. This Regulation shall apply to the stocks of anchovy (Engraulis encrasicolus) and sardine (Sardina pilchardus) in the Adriatic Sea ("the stocks concerned") and for the fisheries exploiting these stocks. It shall apply also to by-catches of mackerel (Scomber spp.) and horse mackerel (Trachurus spp.) in the Adriatic Sea caught when fishing for either or both of the stocks concerned.

Amendment

2. This Regulation shall apply to the stocks of anchovy (Engraulis encrasicolus) and sardine (Sardina pilchardus) in the Adriatic Sea ("small pelagics") and to the fisheries targeting these stocks. For the purpose of implementing the landing obligation established in Article 15 of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013, this Regulation shall apply also to by-catches of mackerel (Scomber spp.) and horse mackerel (Trachurus spp.) in the Adriatic Sea caught when fishing for small pelagics.

Amendment 37

Proposal for a regulation Article 2 – paragraph 2 – point b a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ba) 'Targeting' means account of at least 50 % of sardine or anchovy of the catch in live weight;

Proposal for a regulation Article 2 – paragraph 2 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) 'Small pelagic stocks' means the stocks listed in Article 1(2) of this Regulation and any combination thereof.

Amendment

(c) 'Small *pelagics*' means stocks *of* sardine (Sardina pilchardus) and anchovy (Engraulis encrasicolus);

Amendment 104

Proposal for a regulation Article 2 – paragraph 2 - point c a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ca) "Best available scientific advice" refers to publicly available scientific advice that is supported by the most up-to-date scientific data and methods which has either been issued or peer-reviewed by an independent Union or international scientific body that is recognised at Union or international level such as the Scientific, Technical and Economic Committee for Fisheries (STECF) and the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM), and meet the requirements of Article 25 of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013.

Amendment 39

Proposal for a regulation Article 2 – paragraph 2 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(d) 'Range of FMSY' means a range of deleted

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Amendment 40

Proposal for a regulation Article 2 – paragraph 2 – point d a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(da) 'Fishing day' means any continuous period of 24 hours, or any part thereof, when a fishing vessel is engaged in fishing activity, such as searching for fish, shooting, setting, towing, hauling of a fishing gear, taking catch on board, transhipping, retaining on board, processing on board, transferring, caging, fattening and landing of fish and fishery products, as defined in point 28 of Article 4 of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013;

Amendment 41

Proposal for a regulation Article 2 – paragraph 2 – point d b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(db) 'SSBlim' means the spawning stock biomass reference point below which remedial management action is to be taken to ensure that the stock is rebuilt to a level where it is within safe biological

limits;

deleted

Amendment 42

Proposal for a regulation Article 2 – paragraph 2 – point d c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(dc) 'SSBpa' means the precautionary spawning stock biomass reference point below which management action is to be taken to ensure that the stock is rebuilt to a level where it is within safe biological limits;

Amendment 43

Proposal for a regulation Article 2 – paragraph 2 – point e

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(e) 'MSY Btrigger' means the spawning stock biomass reference point below which specific and appropriate management action is to be taken to ensure that exploitation rates in combination with natural variations rebuild stocks above levels capable of producing MSY in the long term.

Amendment 45

Proposal for a regulation Article 3 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

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14095/18 LS/ev 24 ANNEX GIP.2 EN to the achievement of the objectives of the common fisheries policy listed in Article 2 of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013, in particular by applying the precautionary approach to fisheries management, and shall aim to ensure that exploitation of living marine biological resources restores and maintains populations of harvested species above levels which can produce MSY.

to the achievement of the objectives of the common fisheries policy listed in Article 2 of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013.

Amendment 47

Proposal for a regulation Article 3 – paragraph 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2a. The multiannual plan shall take into account the socio-economic aspects when it is developed or changed, in accordance with Article 2(5) of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013.

Amendment 48

Proposal for a regulation Article 3 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. The multiannual plan shall contribute to the *elimination* of discards by avoiding and reducing, as far as possible, unwanted catches, and to the implementation of the landing obligation established in Article 15 of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 for the species which are subject to it and to which this Regulation applies.

Amendment

3. The multiannual plan shall contribute to the *reduction* of discards by avoiding and reducing, as far as possible, unwanted catches, and to the implementation of the landing obligation established in Article 15 of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 for the species which are subject to it and to which this Regulation applies.

Amendment 49

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

4. The multiannual plan shall implement the ecosystem-based approach to fisheries management in order to ensure that negative impacts of fishing activities on the marine ecosystem are minimised. It shall be coherent with Union environmental legislation, in particular with the objective of achieving good environmental status by 2020 as set out in Article 1(1) of Directive 2008/56/EC.

Amendment

4. The multiannual plan shall implement the ecosystem-based approach to fisheries management in order to ensure that negative impacts of fishing activities on the marine ecosystem, particularly threatened habitats and protected species including marine mammals, seabirds and reptiles, are minimised, and where possible eliminated. It shall be coherent with Union environmental legislation, in particular with the objective of achieving good environmental status by 2020 as set out in Article 1(1) of Directive 2008/56/EC, and with the targets and rules laid down in Directives 2009/147/EC and 92/43/EEC

Amendment 50

Proposal for a regulation Article 3 – paragraph 5 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

5a. Measures under the plan shall be taken in accordance with the best available scientific advice.

Amendment 51

Proposal for a regulation Chapter 2 – title

Text proposed by the Commission

TARGETS, SAFEGUARDS AND SPECIFIC MEASURES

Amendment

SOCIO-ECONOMIC TARGETS, SAFEGUARDS AND SPECIFIC MEASURES

Proposal for a regulation Article 4 – title

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Targets for anchovy and sardine

Targets for small pelagics

Amendment 53

Proposal for a regulation Article 4 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The target *fishing mortality* shall be achieved as soon as possible and *on a progressive, incremental basis, by 2020 for the stocks concerned, and it* shall be maintained thereafter *within the ranges* set out in Annex I and in line with the objectives laid down in Article 3(1).

Amendment

1. The target *reference points for small pelagics* shall be achieved as soon as possible and shall be maintained thereafter *above the values* set out in Annex I and in line with the objectives laid down in Article 3(1).

Amendment 54

Proposal for a regulation Article 4 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. *Fishing opportunities* shall comply with the target *fishing mortality ranges* set out in Annex I, column A to this Regulation.

Amendment

2. Management measures for small pelagics shall comply with the target reference points set out in Annex I, column A to this Regulation.

Proposal for a regulation Article 4 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. Notwithstanding paragraphs 1 and 2, *fishing opportunities may be fixed at* levels corresponding to *lower levels of fishing mortality* than those set out in Annex I, column A.

Amendment

- 3. Notwithstanding paragraphs 1 and 2, *management measures may target* levels corresponding to *higher values* than those set out in Annex I, column A *if:*
- (a) on the basis of scientific advice or evidence, it is necessary for the achievement of the objectives laid down in Article 3 in the case of mixed fisheries;
- (b) on the basis of scientific advice or evidence, it is necessary to avoid serious harm to a stock caused by intra- or interspecies stock dynamics; or
- (c) one of the stocks of small pelagics is below the reference point set out in Annex I, column B.

Amendment 56

Proposal for a regulation Article 4 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

- 4. Notwithstanding paragraphs 2 and 3, fishing opportunities for a stock may be fixed in accordance with the fishing mortality ranges set out in Annex I, column B, provided that the stock concerned is above the minimum spawning biomass reference point set out in Annex II, column A:
- (a) if, on the basis of scientific advice or evidence, it is necessary for the achievement of the objectives laid down in Article 3 in the case of mixed fisheries,
- (b) if, on the basis of scientific advice or evidence, it is necessary to avoid serious

Amendment

deleted

harm to a stock caused by intra- or interspecies stock dynamics, or

(c) in order to limit variations in fishing opportunities between consecutive years to not more than 20 %.

Amendment 57

Proposal for a regulation Article 4 – paragraph 4 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

4a. When scientific advice indicates that recreational fisheries have a significant impact on the fishing mortality of a particular stock, the Council shall take them into account and may limit recreational fisheries when setting fishing opportunities in order to avoid exceeding the total target of fishing mortality.

Amendment 58

Proposal for a regulation Article 4 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 4a

Socio-economic objectives

In order to take into account the socioeconomic objectives set out in point (f) of Article 2(5) of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013, when applying the technical and conservation measures provided for in this Regulation, Member States shall make extensive use of the relevant measures set out in Regulation (EU) No 508/2014.

Proposal for a regulation Article 5 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The conservation reference points expressed as minimum and limit spawning stock biomass levels *to* be applied in order to safeguard the full reproductive capacity of the stocks concerned *are set out in Annex II*.

Amendment

1. The conservation reference points expressed as minimum and limit spawning stock biomass levels *shall* be applied in order to safeguard the full reproductive capacity of the stocks concerned.

Amendment 60

Proposal for a regulation Article 5 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1a. Three years after the application of the management measures referred to in Article 6(1a), scientific research shall verify the effectiveness of the measures taken, particularly on the stocks to which this Regulation applies and on the fisheries exploiting those stocks.

Amendment 61

Proposal for a regulation Article 5 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. When scientific advice indicates that the spawning stock biomass of either of the *stocks concerned* is below the minimum spawning stock biomass reference point set out in Annex *II*, column *A* to this Regulation, all appropriate remedial measures shall be adopted to *ensure* the rapid return of the *stock concerned* to levels above *those capable of producing*

Amendment

2. When scientific advice indicates that the spawning stock biomass of either of the *small pelagics* is below the minimum spawning stock biomass reference point set out in Annex *I*, column *B* to this Regulation, all appropriate remedial measures shall be adopted to *contribute to* the rapid return of the *small pelagics* to levels above *the reference point set out in*

14095/18 LS/ev 30 ANNEX GIP.2 EN MSY. In particular, by way of derogation from Article 4(2) and 4(4) of this Regulation, fishing opportunities for the stocks concerned shall be fixed at a level consistent with a fishing mortality that is reduced below the range set out in Annex I, column A to this Regulation, taking into account the decrease in biomass of that stock.

Annex I, column A. In particular, by way of derogation from Article 4(2) and in line with Article 4(3) of this Regulation, management measures shall be adjusted taking into account the decrease in biomass of that stock.

Amendment 62

Proposal for a regulation Article 5 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. When scientific advice indicates that the spawning stock biomass of either of *the* stocks *concerned* is below the limit spawning stock biomass reference point (Blim) as set out in Annex II, column B to this Regulation, further remedial measures shall be taken to *ensure* the rapid return of the *stock concerned* to levels above *the* level capable of producing MSY. In particular, those remedial measures may include, by way of derogation from Article 4, paragraphs 2 and 4, suspending the targeted fishery for the stock concerned and the adequate reduction of fishing opportunities.

Amendment

3. When scientific advice indicates that the spawning stock biomass of both small pelagics stocks is below the limit spawning stock biomass reference point (SSBlim) as set out in Annex I, column B to this Regulation, further remedial measures shall be taken to contribute to the rapid return of the two stocks to levels above the reference point set out in Annex I, column A. In particular, those remedial measures may include, by way of derogation from Article 4(2), suspending the targeted fishery for the stock concerned and other adequate management measures

Amendment 63

Proposal for a regulation Article 6 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

When scientific advice indicates that remedial action is required for the conservation of the small *pelagic stocks*

Amendment

1. When scientific advice indicates that remedial action is required for the conservation of the small *pelagics or* when

referred to in Article 1(2) of this Regulation, or, in the case of anchovy and sardine, when the spawning biomass of either of these stocks for a given year is below the conservation reference points set out in Annex II, column A to this Regulation, the Commission is empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 16 of this Regulation and Article 18 of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 regarding:

- (a) characteristics of the fishing gear, in particular mesh size, construction of the gear, size of the gear or use of selectivity devices to ensure or improve selectivity;
- (b) use of the fishing gear and depth of gear deployment, to ensure or improve selectivity;
- (c) prohibition or limitation to fish in specific areas to protect spawning and juvenile fish or fish below the minimum conservation reference size or non-target fish species;
- (d) prohibition or limitation on fishing or the use of certain types of fishing gear during specific time periods, to protect spawning fish or fish below the minimum conservation reference size or non-target fish species,
- (e) minimum conservation reference sizes, to ensure the protection of juveniles of marine organisms;
- (f) other characteristics linked to selectivity.

the spawning biomass of either of these stocks for a given year is below the conservation reference points set out in Annex *I*, column *B* to this Regulation, the Commission is empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 16 of this Regulation and Article 18 of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013.

Amendment 70

Proposal for a regulation Article 6 – paragraph 1 a (new)

- 1a. Notwithstanding paragraph 1, in order to achieve the targets set out in Article 4, the following measures shall apply for the years 2019–2022:
- (a) in 2019 the catch limit for small pelagics shall be set at the level of catch in 2014; starting from 2020, catch limits for small pelagics shall be gradually reduced each year for the Member State concerned by 4 % in comparison to the previous year until 2022; however, the reduction shall not apply if in the preceding year the total catch for each Member State concerned is more than 2 % below the 2014 catch level;
- (b) the fishing effort of fishing vessels targeting small pelagics shall not exceed 180 fishing days per year and 20 fishing days per month, with a maximum of 144 fishing days per year targeting sardine and a maximum of 144 fishing days per year targeting anchovy;
- (c) spatio-temporal closures shall be implemented each year in order to protect nursery and spawning areas; such closures, for different types of fishing gears, shall cover the entire distribution of small pelagics in the Adriatic Sea, for periods of not less than 15 continuous days and up to 30 continuous days; those closures shall take place during the following periods:
- (i) for sardine, from 1 October to 31 March, and
- (ii) for anchovy, from 1 April to 30 September;
- (d) additional closures for vessels of an overall length of over 12 metres, separately for each type of fishing gear, shall be implemented for not less than six months; such closures shall cover at least 30 % of the area which has been identified as a nursery area or an area

important for the protection of early age classes of fish (in territorial and inner sea);

(e) the overall fleet capacity of trawlers and purse seiners actively fishing for small pelagic stocks shall not exceed the registered fleet capacity of the active fleet in 2014 in terms of gross tonnage (GT) and/or gross registered tonnage (GRT), engine power (kW) and number of vessels.

Amendment 71

Proposal for a regulation Article 6 – paragraph 1 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1b. Notwithstanding paragraph 1a, in order to ensure stability and limit variations in management measures, the duration of the closures referred to in points (c) and (d) thereof shall not vary by more than 10 % between consecutive years.

Amendment 72

Proposal for a regulation Article 6 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 6a

Technical measures

- 1. For the purposes of this Regulation, the second subparagraph of Article 13(3) of and point 2 of Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1967/2006 shall not apply.
- 2. For the purposes of this Regulation, the maximum length of surrounding nets

(purse seines and seines without purse line) shall be restricted to 600 metres with a net drop of maximum 1/3 of length.

Amendment 73

Proposal for a regulation Article 7 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

The Commission is empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article *15 of this Regulation and Article* 18 of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 concerning:

Amendment

The Commission is empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 18 of Regulation 1380/2013 concerning:

Amendment 74

Proposal for a regulation Article 7 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) exemptions from the application of the landing obligation for species for which scientific *evidence* demonstrates high survival rates, taking into account the characteristics of the gear, the fishing practices and the ecosystem, to facilitate the implementation of the landing obligation; and

Amendment

(a) exemptions from the application of the landing obligation for species for which *best available* scientific *advice* demonstrates high survival rates, taking into account the characteristics of the gear, the fishing practices and the ecosystem, to facilitate the implementation of the landing obligation; and

Amendment 75

Proposal for a regulation Article 7 – paragraph 1 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

(d) the fixing of minimum conservation reference sizes, to ensure the protection of juveniles of marine organisms.

Amendment

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Proposal for a regulation Article 10 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. By way of derogation from Article 17(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009, the prior notification referred to in that Article shall be made at least *one* and a half hour before the estimated time of arrival at port. The competent authorities of the coastal Member States may, on a case-by-case basis, give permission for an earlier entry into port.

Amendment

1. By way of derogation from Article 17(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009, the prior notification referred to in that Article shall be made at least *half an* hour before the estimated time of arrival at port. The competent authorities of the coastal Member States may, on a case-by-case basis, give permission for an earlier entry into port.

Amendment 77

Proposal for a regulation Article 10 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. The prior notification obligation shall apply to masters of Union fishing vessels retaining on board at least *one tonne* of anchovy or *one tonne* of sardine.

Amendment

2. The prior notification obligation shall apply to masters of Union fishing vessels retaining on board at least *two tonnes* of anchovy or *two tonnes* of sardine. *Those quantities shall be calculated after deduction of the catches referred to in Article 15(11) of Regulation (EU)* No 1380/2013.

Amendment 78

Proposal for a regulation Article 12 – paragraph 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2a. By way of derogation from Article 15(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009, the masters of all Union

vessels of an overall length of equal to or more than 12 metres shall send the information referred to in Article 14 of that Regulation before the start of landing operations.

Amendment 80

Proposal for a regulation Article 14 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Five years after the entry into force of this Regulation, and every five years thereafter, the Commission shall ensure an evaluation of the impact of the multiannual plan on the stocks to which this Regulation applies and on the fisheries exploiting those stocks. The Commission shall submit the results of this evaluation to the European Parliament and to the Council.

Amendment

Three years after the entry into force of this Regulation], and every five years thereafter, the Commission shall ensure an evaluation of the impact of the multiannual plan on the stocks to which this Regulation applies and on the fisheries exploiting those stocks. The Commission shall submit the results of this evaluation to the European Parliament and to the Council and shall, if appropriate, submit a proposal to amend this Regulation.

Amendment 81

Proposal for a regulation Article 15 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The power to adopt delegated acts is conferred on the Commission subject to the conditions laid down in *this* Article.

Amendment

1. The power to adopt delegated acts is conferred on the Commission subject to the conditions laid down in Article 18 of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013.

Amendment 82

Proposal for a regulation

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 15a

Support from the EMFF

- 1. Temporary cessation measures adopted in order to achieve the objectives of the multiannual plan shall be deemed as temporary cessation of fishing activities for the purposes of points (a) and (c) of Article 33(1) of Regulation (EU) No 508/2014.
- 2. By way of derogation from Article 33(2) of Regulation (EU) No 508/2014, until 31 December 2020 the maximum duration of support under that Regulation shall be of nine months, for fishing vessels subject to the spatial and temporal closures provided for in this Regulation.
- 3. In order to ensure the implementation of paragraph 2 of this Article, by way of derogation from Article 25(3) of Regulation (EU) No 508/2014, it shall be possible to increase the total financial contribution from the EMFF above the cap of 15 % set out in that Article.
- 4. Priority shall be given, in the implementation of actions provided for in Article 30 of Regulation (EU) No 508/2014, to fishermen affected by the implementation of the measures contained in this multiannual plan.
- 5. Until 31 December 2020, and by way of derogation from the deadline set out in Article 34(4) of Regulation (EU) No 508/2014, vessels which have ceased all fishing activities as a result of the measures to reduce the fishing effort referred to in this Regulation may be eligible for support for permanent cessation as referred to in Article 34 of Regulation (EU) No 508/2014.

Proposal for a regulation Annex I – subheading 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(Article 4)

(Articles 4 and 5)

Amendment 87

Proposal for a regulation Annex I – table

Text proposed by the Commission

Stock Target fishing mortality

range consistent with achieving maximum sustainable yield (F_{MSY})

Column A Column B

Anchovy 0.23 - 0.30 0.30 - 0.364

Sardines 0.065 - 0.08 0.08 - 0.11

Amendment

Stock Target reference points

for small pelagics

Column A Column B

Anchovy SSBpa SSBlim

Sardines SSBlim

Proposal for a regulation Annex II

Text proposed by the Commission Amendment
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