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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject: Proposal for a COUNCIL REGULATION fixing the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks applicable in the Mediterranean and Black Seas for 2026

- *Presentation by the Commission*
- *Exchange of views*

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1. The Commission submitted to the Council the above-mentioned proposal, based on Article 43(3) TFEU, on 22 September 2025¹. The proposal aims at setting fishing opportunities for 2026 in the Mediterranean and Black Seas, in line with the multiannual plan for demersal stocks in the western Mediterranean and the recommendations of the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM).
 2. An additional Commission non-paper is expected to complement the proposal in due time.
 3. The Working Party on Fisheries Policy examined the proposal at its meeting on 9 October 2025.
 4. Several delegations entered scrutiny reservations.
 5. Three delegations stressed the importance of amending the multiannual plan for the western Mediterranean.

¹ Doc. 13077/25 + ADD1

6. The Council is invited to take note of the presentation of the Commission and to exchange views on this matter.

