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DRAFT REPORT

on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council
on the implementation into Union law of the latest measures adopted by
regional fisheries management organisations
(COM(2026)0198 – C10-0122/2026 – 2026/0111(COD))

Committee on Fisheries

Rapporteur: Thomas Bajada

Symbols for procedures

- * Consultation procedure
- *** Consent procedure
- ***I Ordinary legislative procedure (first reading)
- ***II Ordinary legislative procedure (second reading)
- ***III Ordinary legislative procedure (third reading)

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DRAFT EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the implementation into Union law of the latest measures adopted by regional fisheries management organisations

(COM(2026)0198 – C10-0122/2026 – 2026/0111(COD))

(Ordinary legislative procedure: first reading)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Commission proposal to Parliament and the Council (COM(2026)0198),
 - having regard to Article 294(2) and Article xx of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, pursuant to which the Commission submitted the proposal to Parliament (C10-0122/2026),
 - having regard to Article 294(3) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,
 - having regard to Rule 60 of its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Fisheries (A10-0000/2026),
1. Adopts its position at first reading hereinafter set out;
 2. Instructs its President to forward its position to the Council, the Commission and the national parliaments.

Amendment 1

Proposal for a regulation Recital 10

Text proposed by the Commission

(10) IATTC adopted at its **2021** annual meeting measures related to definitions and the transmission of information related to FADs and satellite buoy. These measures are binding on the Union and they should therefore be implemented into Union law.

Amendment

(10) IATTC adopted at its **2025** annual meeting measures related to definitions and the transmission of information related to FADs and satellite buoy. These measures are binding on the Union and they should therefore be implemented into Union law.

Or. en

Amendment 2

Proposal for a regulation Recital 15 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(15a) In accordance with Article 218(10) of the TFEU, the European Parliament should be fully informed, in detail, at all stages of the procedures concerning the positions to be taken on behalf of the Union in regional fisheries management organisations. To enable effective parliamentary scrutiny, the Commission should provide the competent committee of the European Parliament with timely and comprehensive information on the preparation of those positions ahead of meetings of regional fisheries management organisations, and should keep the competent committee regularly informed of the conduct and outcome of those meetings, in order to effectively fulfil the requirement laid down in the TFEU.

Or. en

Amendment 3

Proposal for a regulation

Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 1 a (new)

Regulation (EU) 2017/2107

Article 5a – paragraph 3

Present text

3. Member States shall not increase ***their*** number of support vessels from the ***numbers*** recorded in ***June 2023***.

Amendment

(1a) In Article 5a, paragraph 3 is replaced by the following:

3. Member States shall not increase ***the*** number of support vessels ***flying its*** ***flag*** from the ***number*** recorded in ***2019***.

Or. en

Justification

This addition is necessary for the complete transposition of Recommendation by ICCAT 24-01, paragraph 27.

Amendment 4

Proposal for a regulation

Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 2

Regulation (EU) 2017/2107

Article 7 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

3. Union fishing vessels not authorised to fish for tropical tunas pursuant to Article 6 may be allowed to retain on board, tranship, transport, process or land bycatch of tropical tunas in accordance with a maximum per trip onboard bycatch limit of 5% by species.

Amendment

3. Union vessels ***equal to or greater than 20 metres in length overall*** not authorised to fish for tropical tunas pursuant to Article 6 may be allowed to retain on board, tranship, transport, process or land bycatch of tropical tunas in accordance with a maximum per trip onboard bycatch limit of 5% by species.

Or. en

Justification

This addition is necessary for the complete transposition of Recommendation by ICCAT 24-01, paragraph 55.

Amendment 5

Proposal for a regulation

Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 3

Regulation (EU) 2017/2107

Article 28

Text proposed by the Commission

(3) Article 28 is **deleted**.

Amendment

(3) Article 28 is **replaced by the following:**

“Article 28

Landing of blue marlin, white marlin and roundscale spearfish beyond the fishing opportunities

When a Member State has exhausted its quota, it shall ensure that landings of blue marlins, white marlins, and roundscale spearfish that are dead when brought alongside the vessel may be retained. Those landings shall not count against the fishing opportunities, provided that:

(a) the fish are prohibited from being sold or otherwise entering into commerce; and

(b) the Member State notifies the Commission of its intention to use that exception and includes, in its annual report, information on its retention requirements and the measures in place to prohibit the sale and commercialisation of those fish.”.

Or. en

Justification

This provision is necessary for the complete transposition of Recommendation by ICCAT 25-06, paragraph 3(b).

Amendment 6

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point 2 – point b a (new)

Regulation (EU) 2019/833

Article 27– paragraph 6 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ba) in paragraph 6, introductory part, “discrepancies” is replaced by “potential non-compliance”.

Or. en

Justification

This addition is necessary for the complete transposition of NAFO CEM 2026 - Article 30 (7) (a) (i) and to be aligned with the rest of the changes proposed.

Amendment 7

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point 2 – point f

Regulation (EU) 2019/833

Article 27 – paragraph 11a – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a) the EMS installation and components of each fishing vessel are approved by the competent authorities **of the flag Member States** and correspond to an EMS Vessel Monitoring Plan (VMP);

(a) the EMS installation and components of each fishing vessel **flying its flag** are approved by the competent authorities and correspond to an EMS Vessel Monitoring Plan (VMP);

Or. en

Amendment 8

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point 2 – point f

Regulation (EU) 2019/833

Article 27 – paragraph 11a – point b – introductory wording

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(b) the VMP includes the following information:

(b) the VMP includes **at least** the following information:

Or. en

Justification

This addition is necessary for the complete transposition of NAFO CEM Article 30 (9) (b)

Amendment 9

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point 2 – point f

Regulation (EU) 2019/833

Article 27 – paragraph 11a – point c – point ii

Text proposed by the Commission

(ii) sensors providing information on the position, speed, winch or power block usage, and hold temperatures;

Amendment

(ii) sensors providing information on **at least** the position, speed, winch or power block usage, and hold temperatures;

Or. en

Justification

This addition is necessary for the complete transposition of NAFO CEM Article 30 (9) (d)

Amendment 10

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point 2 – point h

Regulation (EU) 2019/833

Article 27 – paragraph 15

Text proposed by the Commission

(15) The information that Member States are required to provide in accordance with paragraph 3 (c) and (d), paragraph 5(a), paragraph 6(c) and paragraph 7(c), **paragraph 11a(g) and (j)** shall be transmitted to the Commission or **a body designated by it.**

Amendment

15. The information that Member States are required to provide in accordance with paragraph 3 (c) and (d), paragraph 5(a), paragraph 6(c) and paragraph 7(c), **paragraph 11a(f), (g) and (i)** shall be transmitted to the Commission or **EFCA. The Commission or EFCA shall ensure that this information is transmitted to the NAFO Executive Secretary without delay.**

Or. en

Amendment 11

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point 5

Text proposed by the Commission

3. The master of the vessel shall not commence landing or transshipment operations, or make use of other port services, before authorisation has been given by the competent port authority or prior to the expiry of the estimated time of arrival (ETA) as reported in PSC1 or PSC2. However, landing or transshipment operations and making use of other port services may commence prior to ETA with permission from the competent authorities of the port Member State.;

Amendment

3. The master of the vessel shall not commence landing or transshipment operations, or make use of other port services, before authorisation has been given by the competent port authority or prior to the expiry of the estimated time of arrival (ETA) as reported in PSC1 or PSC2. However, landing or transshipment operations and making use of other port services may commence prior to ETA with permission from the competent authorities of the port Member State **or Contracting Party.**;

Or. en

Amendment 12

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point 1

Regulation (EU) 2021/56

Article 3 – point 26

Text proposed by the Commission

(26) 'Activation of a satellite buoy' means the act of initializing network service for receiving the satellite buoy's position by the buoy supplier company at the request of the vessel owner or manager.

Amendment

(26) 'Activation of a satellite buoy' means the act of initializing network service for receiving the satellite buoy's position by the buoy supplier company at the request of the vessel owner or manager. ***Following activation, the vessel owner is responsible for communication service costs. The buoy can be transmitting or not, depending on whether it has been switched on.***

Or. en

Justification

Final part of IATTC CCM C-25-01 (Annex I) (c)

Amendment 13

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point 1

Regulation (EU) 2021/56

Article 3 – point 27

Text proposed by the Commission

(27) 'Deactivation of a satellite buoy' means the act of cancelling network service for receiving the satellite buoy's position by the buoy supplier company at the request of the vessel owner or manager.

Amendment

(27) 'Deactivation of a satellite buoy' means the act of cancelling network service for receiving the satellite buoy's position by the buoy supplier company at the request of the vessel owner or manager. ***Following deactivation, the communication service costs are no longer the responsibility of vessel owner, and the buoy stops transmitting.***

Or. en

Justification

Final part of IATTC CCM C-25-01 (Annex I) (d)

Amendment 14

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point 1

Regulation (EU) 2021/56

Article 3 – point 28

Text proposed by the Commission

(28) 'Reactivation of a satellite buoy' means the act of re-initializing network service for transmission of a satellite buoy's position after deactivation by the buoy supplier company at the request of the vessel owner or manager.

Amendment

(28) 'Reactivation of a satellite buoy' means the act of re-initializing network service for transmission of a satellite buoy's position after deactivation by the buoy supplier company at the request of the vessel owner or manager. ***Following the reactivation, the vessel owner is again responsible for the communication service costs. The buoy can be transmitting or not, depending on whether it has been switched on.***

Or. en

Justification

Final part of IATTC CCM C-25-01 (Annex I) (e)

Amendment 15

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point 3

Regulation (EU) 2021/56

Article 28 – paragraph 1 – point p

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(3) in Article 28, paragraph 1, the following point (p) is added: *deleted*

“(p) the buoy data format referred to in Article 6(3a).”

Or. en

Justification

Article 28 (1) was amended in RFMOs Transposition I, with the inclusion of new points (o) and (p), the addition of this empowerment is not necessary since the "buoy data format referred in Article 6 (3a) is set in Annex X, and COM is empowered to amend all annexes to the Regulation as point (o).

Amendment 16

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point 1

Regulation (EU) 2022/2056

Article 14 – paragraphs 2 and 3

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(1) in Article 14, the following paragraphs 2 and 3 are added: *deleted*

“2. For sharks that are caught by longline vessels and are not retained, fishing vessels shall release these sharks, as soon as possible, taking into consideration the safety of the crew and observer, using the following rules:(1) Leave the shark in the water, where possible; and (2) Use a line cutter to cut

the branchline as close to the hook as possible.

3. Fishing vessels shall ensure that sharks that are caught and are not to be retained, are hauled alongside the vessel before being cut free in order to facilitate a species identification. This requirement shall only apply when an observer or electronic monitoring camera is present, and should only be implemented taking into consideration the safety of the crew and observer.”

Or. en

Justification

Already transposed in RFMOs Transposition I as Article 14 (2) and (3)

Amendment 17

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point 3

Regulation (EU) 2022/2343

Article 3 – point 19

Text proposed by the Commission

(19) ‘biodegradable’ means non-synthetic materials and/or bio-based alternatives for materials that are biodegradable in marine environments;

Amendment

(19) ‘biodegradable’ means non-synthetic materials and/or bio-based alternatives ***that are consistent with international standards*** for materials that are biodegradable in marine environments, ***where the components resulting from the degradation of those materials are not damaging to the marine and coastal ecosystems or include heavy metals or plastics in their composition;***

Or. en

Justification

This addition is necessary for the complete transposition of IOTC Resolution 24/02, paragraph 1(c).

Amendment 18

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point 3

Regulation (EU) 2022/2343

Article 3 – point 26

Text proposed by the Commission

(26) ‘abandoned DFAD’ means a DFAD which was initially deployed with the intention of later retrieval but that is deliberately left at sea due to force majeure;

Amendment

(26) ‘abandoned DFAD’ means a DFAD which was initially deployed with the intention of later retrieval but that is deliberately left at sea due to force majeure **or other reasons**;

Or. en

Justification

This addition is necessary for the complete transposition of IOTC Resolution 24/02, paragraph 1(j).

Amendment 19

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point 6

Regulation (EU) 2022/2343

Article 7a – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. It is prohibited to tranship, whole or in part, shortfin or longfin mako sharks caught in association with IOTC fisheries **and retained on board**.

Amendment

3. It is prohibited to **retain on board**, tranship, whole or in part, shortfin or longfin mako sharks caught in association with IOTC fisheries.

Or. en

Amendment 20

Proposal for a regulation

Annex I – point 1

Regulation (EU) 2021/56

Annex X – part B – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Data should be received in csv files named

Amendment

Data should be received in csv files named

“X-YYYY-MM-ZZZZZZZ.csv” where X is the code of the buoy manufacturer, YYYY is the year, MM the month, and ZZZZZZZ the name of the fishing company. A single csv file shall be prepared for company, year and month.

“X-YYYY-MM-ZZZZZZZ.csv” where X is the code of the buoy manufacturer (***M, S, Z, for Marine Instruments, Satlink, and Zunibal, respectively***), YYYY is the year, MM the month, and ZZZZZZZ the name of the fishing company. A single csv file shall be prepared for company, year and month.

Or. en

Justification

For complete transposition of Annex IV to IATTC CMM C-25-01

Amendment 21

Proposal for a regulation

Annex II – point 1

Regulation (EU) 2022/2343

Annex 13 – paragraph -1

Text proposed by the Commission

Minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures

Amendment

Minimum standards for safe handling and live release procedures

The primary aim of the Minimum Standards for Safe Handling and Live Release Procedures shall be to ensure the highest level of survival of sharks and that, whenever possible, prompt, and effective action will be taken to return the shark to the sea and prioritising that the life and safety of the crew is not compromised and that crew members are to endeavour to avoid hazards in the safe handling and release operations for sharks.. The following minimum standards shall be appropriate for all live sharks when released whether under no-retention policies, or when released voluntarily. Those basic guidelines shall not replace any stricter safety rules that may have been established by the Member States. To the greatest extent practicable, all sharks being released should remain in the water at all times unless it is necessary to lift sharks for species

identification. This shall include cutting the line to free the shark while it is still in the water, using bolt cutters or dehooking devices to remove the hook if possible, or cutting the line as close to the hook as possible (and so leaving as little trailing line as possible).

Or. en

Justification

For complete transposition of Annex III to IOTC Resolution 25/08

Amendment 22

Proposal for a regulation

Annex II – point 1

Regulation (EU) 2022/2343

Annex 13 – after the fifth bullet point

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

– *Specific safe-handling practices in longline fisheries:*

Or. en

Justification

New text as heading after fifth and sixth bullet point.

Amendment 23

Proposal for a regulation

Annex II – point 1

Regulation (EU) 2022/2343

Annex 13 – after the ninth bullet point

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

– *Specific safe-handling practices in purse seine fisheries:*

Or. en

Justification

New text as heading after ninth and tenth bullet point.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Regional fisheries management organisations (RFMOs) are essential to the sustainable management of fish stocks and the protection of marine ecosystems in shared seas. Their effectiveness depends on the willingness of all contracting parties to translate agreed commitments into action. For the European Union, timely and faithful implementation must go hand in hand with ensuring that European fishers operate under fair conditions and that the same internationally agreed rules are respected by competing fleets.

The Rapporteur welcomes the Commission's proposal to transpose further conservation, management and control measures adopted by six RFMOs into Union law. These measures not only contribute to a healthier ocean, but also to the long-term viability of fisheries and the livelihoods of the communities that depend on them.

The approach taken in this draft report is guided by strict transposition, legal certainty and practical implementation. The proposed amendments seek to ensure that the relevant international measures are reflected fully and accurately, while maintaining coherence with the preceding RFMO transposition exercise. They address omissions, correct references and numbering, and remove provisions already incorporated into Union legislation, particularly during the latest transposition exercise led by the same Rapporteur. Such adjustments are necessary to avoid overlapping or inconsistent requirements and to provide fishers and competent authorities with a clear and workable legal framework.

The Rapporteur considers that effective parliamentary scrutiny must accompany the Union's participation in RFMOs. The proposed recital recalls the requirement under Article 218(10) TFEU for Parliament to be immediately and fully informed at all stages of the procedure. Timely and comprehensive information on the preparation of Union positions, followed by regular information on the conduct and outcomes of RFMO meetings, is essential for the competent committee to exercise meaningful scrutiny of decisions subsequently transposed into Union law.

Beyond this proposal, the Rapporteur calls for a more timely and predictable transposition process, accompanied by stronger diplomatic and technical cooperation within RFMOs to ensure that all contracting parties fulfil their commitments. European fishers must be able to rely on the Union to defend fair competition and respond effectively when third countries fail to respect internationally agreed rules. Commitments that remain on paper leave both responsible fishers and the marine environment exposed.

ANNEX: ENTITIES OR PERSONS FROM WHOM THE RAPPORTEUR HAS RECEIVED INPUT

Pursuant to Article 8 of Annex I to the Rules of Procedure, the rapporteur declares that he included in his report input on matters pertaining to the subject of the file that he received, in the preparation of the draft report, from the following interest representatives falling within the scope of the Interinstitutional Agreement on a mandatory transparency register¹, or from the following representatives of public authorities of third countries, including their diplomatic missions and embassies:

1. Interest representatives falling within the scope of the Interinstitutional Agreement on a mandatory transparency register
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2. Representatives of public authorities of third countries, including their diplomatic missions and embassies
None

The list above is drawn up under the exclusive responsibility of the rapporteur.

Where natural persons are identified in the list by their name, by their function or by both, the rapporteur declares that he has submitted to the natural persons concerned the European Parliament's Data Protection Notice No 484 (<https://www.europarl.europa.eu/data-protect/index.do>), which sets out the conditions applicable to the processing of their personal data and the rights linked to that processing.

¹ Interinstitutional Agreement of 20 May 2021 between the European Parliament, the Council of the European Union and the European Commission on a mandatory transparency register (OJ L 207, 11.6.2021, p. 1, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/agree_interinst/2021/611/oj).