

Amendment 1.
Proposal for a regulation

Part 3 – article 17 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. In a multiannual plan established pursuant to Articles 9, 10 and 11 Member States may be authorised to adopt measures, in accordance with that multiannual plan, which specify the conservation measures applicable to vessels flying their flag in relation to stocks in Union waters for which they have been allocated fishing opportunities.

Amendment

1. In a multiannual plan established pursuant to Articles 9, 10 and 11 Member States may adopt measures to ***establish decentralised entities which can adopt measures in accordance with multiannual plans, which specify the conservation measures applicable to vessels flying their flag in relation to stocks in Union waters for which they have been allocated fishing opportunities.***

Justification

Decentralised entities are essential to the success of regional multiannual plans which would define the objectives, targets and timelines for each fishery. It is essential that the reformed CFP has a decentralised policy to deal with these issues in accordance with Treaty provisions.

Amendment 2.
Proposal for a regulation

Part 3 – article 17 – paragraph 3 (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

- 3. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt implementing acts to cover the scope and functions of the decentralised entities in accordance with the remit for such entities set out in Article 17 paragraph 1***

Justification

It is important that there is a mechanism for establishing and defining the scope and functions of decentralised entities as envisaged otherwise these planned decentralised entities will not come to fruition

Amendment 3.
Proposal for a regulation

Part 12 – article 54 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

2. Advisory Councils may apply for Union financial assistance as bodies ***pursuing an aim of general European interest.***

Amendment

2. Advisory Councils may apply for Union financial assistance ***under EMFF covering both administrative technical and scientific costs associated with carrying out studies to underpin their recommendations***

Justification

It is vital that adequate funding be available for effective functioning of the Advisory Councils both for administrative purposes and for commissioning technical and scientific reports.

Amendment 4.
Proposal for a regulation

Part 12 – article 54 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

4. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 55 concerning the composition and the functioning of Advisory Councils.

Amendment

4. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 55 concerning the composition and the functioning ***and the funding*** of Advisory Councils.

Justification

It is vital that adequate funding be available for effective functioning of the Advisory Councils both for administrative purposes and for commissioning technical and scientific reports.

**Amendment 5.
Proposal for a regulation**

Annex III – Functioning and Funding (new)
Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Functioning and Funding

- a) *In the general assembly and executive committee, two thirds of the seats shall be allotted to representatives of the fishermen, where relevant, and representatives of the production, processing and marketing sectors and one third to representatives of the other interest groups affected by the Common Fisheries Policy*
- b) *Except for the Advisory Council for Aquaculture, at least one representative of the catching sector from each Member State concerned shall be member of the executive committee.*
- c) *The members of the executive committee shall, where possible, adopt recommendations by consensus. If no consensus can be reached, dissenting opinions expressed by members shall be recorded in the recommendations adopted by the majority of the members present and voting.*
- d) *Each Advisory Council shall designate a chairperson by consensus. The chairperson shall act impartially.*
- e) *Each Advisory Council shall adopt the measures necessary to ensure transparency and the respect of all opinions expressed. Recommendations by the executive committee shall be made available immediately to the general assembly, the Commission, member States concerned and, upon request, to any member of the public.*
- f) *The meetings of the general assembly shall be open to the public. The*

meetings of the executive committee shall be open to the public unless, in exceptional cases, decided otherwise by a majority of the executive committee.

- g) European and national organisations representing the fisheries sector and other interest groups may propose members to the Member States concerned. These member States shall agree on the members of the general assembly.*
- h) Scientists from institutes of the member States concerned or international bodies may be invited to participate as experts in the work of the Advisory Councils. Any other qualified scientist may also be invited.*
- i) The Commission and national and regional administrations of the Member States concerned shall have the right to participate in any meeting of an Advisory Council as active observers.*
- j) Representatives of the fisheries sector and other interest groups from third countries, including representatives from RFMOs, that have a fishing interest in the area or fisheries covered by an Advisory Council, may be invited to participate in the Advisory Council as active observers when issues which affect them are discussed.*
- k) Advisory Councils may apply for financial assistance under EMFF .*
- l) The Commission shall sign a grant agreement with each Advisory Council to contribute to its operational costs, including translation and interpretation costs and the commissioning of technical and scientific reports.*

- m) The Commission may carry out all verifications it considers necessary to ensure compliance with the tasks assigned to the Advisory Councils.*
- n) Each Advisory Council shall transmit annually its budget and a report of its activities to the Commission and to the Member States concerned.*
- o) The Commission or the Court of Auditors may, at any time, arrange for an audit to be carried out either by an outside body of its choice or by the Commission or the Court of Auditors departments themselves.*
- p) Each Advisory Council shall appoint a certified auditor for the period during which it benefits from Community funds.*

Justification

It is important that functioning and funding of the Advisory Councils are established in the proposal.