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OPINION

of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

for the Committee on Fisheries

on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund [repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1198/2006 and Council Regulation (EC) No 861/2006 and Council Regulation No XXX/2011 on integrated maritime policy (COM(2011)0804 – C7-0460/2011 – 2011/0380(COD))

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SHORT JUSTIFICATION

The Working Document outlined the Commission's proposal and provided a brief political analysis. This Opinion proposes a number of amendments designed to ensure that the EMFF contributes to achieving the objectives of the CFP and achieves an environmentally sustainable management of fisheries in Europe and abroad.

The main amendments address a number of points.

Certain types of funding are removed:

- storage of fish which are caught when there is no market, since it is preferable to fish when the market conditions guarantee a good price, rather than to store the fish for prolonged periods of time;
- insurance premiums for aquaculture farms, since the operators should bear this expense themselves rather than the tax-payer;
- for help in managing "transferable fishing concessions";
- promotion and marketing of fish for which there is a limited market or no market at all.

In several places, language is added to ensure that support does not lead to an increase in fishing capacity.

Funding is re-directed to support the collection of scientific and other data and improved surveillance of fishing activities.

The section on aquaculture is amended to shift the emphasis from simplistic promotion of aquaculture, an industry that can cause significant environmental problems if it is poorly managed, to putting the emphasis on a much greater environmental sustainability for aquaculture operations.

Fishing is, essentially, private exploitation of a public good and hence, the right to fish carries certain responsibilities, especially ensuring that fishing does not lead to depletion of fish stocks or the degradation of the marine environment or coastal communities that depend upon them for their survival. Funding should be preferentially aimed at either collecting data to allow analyses of the sustainability of fishing activities or providing support for those who fish in the most environmentally and socially sustainable manner. Amendments are proposed to this effect, as well as the promotion of the precautionary approach and ecosystem-based approach to fisheries management.

AMENDMENTS

The Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety calls on the Committee on Fisheries, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following amendments in its report:

Amendment 1

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 2

Text proposed by the Commission

(2) The scope of the EMFF should cover the support of the CFP which extends to conservation, management and exploitation of marine biological resources, fresh water biological resources and- aquaculture, as well as to the processing and marketing of fishery and aquaculture products, where such activities take place on the territory of Member States, or in Union waters, including by fishing vessels flying the flag of, and registered in, third countries, or by Union fishing vessels, or by nationals of Member States, without prejudice to the primary responsibility of the flag State, bearing in mind the provisions of Article 117 of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.

Amendment

(2) The scope of the EMFF should cover the support of the CFP which extends to conservation, management and **sustainable** exploitation of marine biological resources, fresh water biological resources and- aquaculture, as well as to the processing and marketing of fishery and aquaculture products, where such activities take place on the territory of Member States, or in Union waters, including by fishing vessels flying the flag of, and registered in, third countries, or by Union fishing vessels, or by nationals of Member States, without prejudice to the primary responsibility of the flag State, bearing in mind the provisions of Article 117 of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.

Amendment 2

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 3

Text proposed by the Commission

(3) The success of the Common Fisheries Policy depends on an effective system of control, inspection and enforcement as well as on reliable complete data, both for scientific advice and for implementation and control purposes; therefore the EMFF should support these policies.

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Amendment 3

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 6

Text proposed by the Commission

(6) To ensure that the EMFF contributes to the achievement of the objectives of the CFP, the IMP and the Europe 2020 Strategy, it is necessary to focus on a limited number of core priorities relating to fostering innovation and knowledge based fisheries and aquaculture, **promoting** sustainable and resource-efficient fishing and aquaculture, and increasing employment and territorial cohesion by unlocking the growth and job potential of coastal and inland fisheries communities and promoting diversification of fisheries activities into other sectors of the marine economy.

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Amendment 4

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 8

Text proposed by the Commission

(8) The overall objective of the Common Fisheries Policy is to ensure that fishing and aquaculture activities **contribute to** long-term **sustainable** environmental **conditions** which **are necessary** for economic and social development. It should contribute moreover to increased productivity, a fair standard of living for the fisheries sector, stable markets, ensure the availability of resources and that supplies reach consumers at reasonable prices.

Amendment

(8) The overall objective of the Common Fisheries Policy is to ensure that fishing and aquaculture activities **secure the** long-term environmental **sustainability of marine biological resources**, which **is a prerequisite** for economic and social development. It should contribute moreover to increased productivity, a fair standard of living for the fisheries sector, stable markets, ensure the **long-term** availability of resources and that supplies reach consumers at reasonable prices.

Amendment 5

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 9

Text proposed by the Commission

(9) It is paramount to better integrate environmental concerns into the CFP which should deliver on the objectives and targets of the Union's environmental policy and the Europe 2020 Strategy. The CFP is aimed at **an** exploitation of living marine biological resources that restores and maintains **fish** stocks **at** levels **which can produce** the maximum sustainable yield, not later than 2015. The CFP shall implement the precautionary and eco-system **approaches to** fisheries management. Consequently the EMFF should contribute to the protection of the marine environment as set out in the Directive 2008/56/EC of the European Parliament and the Council of 17 June 2008 establishing a framework for community action in the field of marine environmental policy (Marine Strategy Framework Directive).

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(9) It is paramount to better integrate environmental concerns into the CFP which should deliver on the objectives and targets of the Union's environmental policy and the Europe 2020 Strategy. The CFP is aimed at **a sustainable** exploitation of living marine biological resources that restores and maintains **all** stocks **of harvested species above** levels **capable of producing** the maximum sustainable yield, **or the relevant proxy**, not later than 2015. The CFP shall implement the precautionary **approach** and eco-system **based** fisheries **and aquaculture** management. Consequently the EMFF should contribute to the protection of the marine environment as set out in the Directive 2008/56/EC of the European Parliament and the Council of 17 June 2008 establishing a framework for community action in the field of marine environmental policy (Marine Strategy Framework Directive).

Amendment 6

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 15

Text proposed by the Commission

(15) The achievement of the objectives of the CFP would be undermined if Union financial assistance under EMFF is disbursed to operators who, ex-ante, do not comply with requirements related to the public interest of conservation of marine biological resources. Therefore only operators should be admissible who, within a particular period of time before lodging an application for aid, were not involved in the operation, management or ownership of fishing vessels included in the Union IUU vessel list as set out in Article 40(3) of Council Regulation (EC) No 1005/2008 of

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29 September 2008 establishing a Community system to prevent, deter and eliminate illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing, amending Regulation (EEC) No 2847/93, (EC) No 1936/2001 and (EC) No 601/2004 and repealing Regulations (EC) No 1093/94 and (EC) No 1447/1999, and who have not committed a serious infringement under 42 of the Regulation (EC) No 1005/2008 or Article 90(1) of the Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009 of 20 November 2009 establishing a Community control system for ensuring compliance with the rules of the common fisheries policy, amending Regulations (EC) No 847/96, (EC) No 2371/2002, (EC) No 811/2004, (EC) No 768/2005, (EC) No 2115/2005, (EC) No 2166/2005, (EC) No 388/2006, (EC) No 509/2007, (EC) No 676/2007, (EC) No 1098/2007, (EC) No 1300/2008, (EC) No 1342/2008 and repealing Regulations (EEC) No 2847/93, (EC) No 1627/94 and (EC) No 1966/2006 or other cases of non-compliance with CFP rules which particularly jeopardise the sustainability of the stocks concerned and constitute a serious threats to the sustainable exploitation of living marine biological resources that restores and maintains populations of harvested species above levels which can produce the Maximum Sustainable Yield (hereinafter MSY).

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Amendment 7

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 18

Text proposed by the Commission

(18) The achievement of the objectives of the CFP would also be undermined if Union financial assistance under EMFF is paid to Member States who do not comply with their obligations under the CFP rules

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related to the public interest of conservation of marine biological resources, such as collecting data, ***achieving a balance between fishing fleet capacity and available fishing opportunities*** and implementing the control obligations. Moreover, without complying with those obligations there is a risk that inadmissible beneficiaries or ineligible operations are not detected by the Member States.

Amendment 8

Proposal for a regulation Recital 24

Text proposed by the Commission

(24) The Commission should establish an annual breakdown by Member States of available commitment appropriations using objective and transparent criteria; these criteria should include the historical allocations under Council Regulation (EC) No 1198/2006 and the historical consumption under Council Regulation No 861/2006.

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Amendment 9

Proposal for a regulation Recital 26

Text proposed by the Commission

(26) In line with the goal of simplification, all activities of the EMFF which fall under shared management, including control and data collection, should take the form of one single operational programme per Member State, in accordance with its national structure. The programming exercise shall cover the period from 1 January 2014 to 31 December 2020. Each Member State should prepare a single operational

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programme. Each programme should identify a strategy for meeting targets in relation to the Union priorities for the EMFF and a selection of measures. Programming should comply with Union priorities, while being adapted to national contexts and complement the other Union policies, in particular rural development policy *and* cohesion policy.

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Amendment 10

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 31

Text proposed by the Commission

(31) In order to increase the competitiveness and economic performance of fishing activities it is vital to stimulate innovation and entrepreneurship. Therefore the EMFF should support innovative operations and business development.

Amendment

(31) In order to increase the competitiveness and economic performance of fishing activities it is vital to stimulate innovation and entrepreneurship. Therefore the EMFF should support innovative *and environmentally sustainable* operations and business development, *in line with restoring and maintaining populations of harvested species above levels which can produce the Maximum Sustainable Yield by 2015, achieving and maintaining a good environmental status by 2020 and with the precautionary principle and ecosystem based fisheries management.*

Amendment 11

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 32

Text proposed by the Commission

(32) Investment in human capital is also vital to increase the competitiveness and economic performance of fishing and maritime activities. Therefore, the EMFF should support lifelong learning, co-

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lifelong learning, co-operation between scientists and fishermen stimulating the dissemination of knowledge **and promoting career opportunities in maritime professions**, as well as for advisory services helping to improve the overall **sustainability**, performance and competitiveness of operators.

Amendment 12

Proposal for a regulation Recital 36

Text proposed by the Commission

(36) In order to address health and safety needs on board, the EMFF should support investments covering safety and hygiene on board.

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(36) In order to address health and safety needs on board, the EMFF should support investments covering safety and hygiene on board, **under the condition that the investment will not lead to an increase of the fishing capacity of the vessel.**

Amendment 13

Proposal for a regulation Recital 37

Text proposed by the Commission

(37) As a result of the establishment of systems of transferable fishing concessions envisaged in Article 27 of the [CFP Regulation] and in order to support Member States in the implementation of these new systems, the EMFF should grant support in terms of capacity building and exchange of best practices.

Amendment

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Justification

The transferable fishing concessions are not an appropriate solution to the challenges facing the fishing sector.

Amendment 14

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 38

Text proposed by the Commission

(38) The **introduction of the transferable fishing concessions systems should make the sector more competitive.** **Consequently, there may be** a need for new professional opportunities outside the fishing activities. Therefore, the EMFF should support the diversification and job creation in fishing communities in particular by supporting business startups **and the reassignment of vessels for maritime activities outside fishing activities of small scale coastal fishing vessels. This last operation seems to be appropriate as the small scale coastal fishing vessels are not covered by the transferable fishing concessions systems.**

Amendment 15

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 39

Text proposed by the Commission

(39) The objective of the Common Fisheries Policy is to ensure a sustainable exploitation of fish stocks. Overcapacity has been identified as a major driver for overfishing. It is therefore paramount to **adapt** the Union fishing **fleet to** the resources available. The removal of overcapacity through public aid such as temporary or permanent cessation and scrapping schemes has proven ineffective. **The EMFF will therefore support the establishment and management of systems of transferable fishing concessions aiming at the reduction of overcapacity and increased economic performance and profitability of the operators concerned.**

Amendment

(38) The **need to reduce overcapacity in order to achieve a balance between fishing capacity and fishing opportunities** may **create** a need for new professional opportunities outside the fishing activities. Therefore, the EMFF should support the diversification and job creation in fishing communities in particular by supporting business startups, **especially micro-businesses.**

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(39) The objective of the Common Fisheries Policy is to ensure a sustainable exploitation of fish stocks. Overcapacity has been identified as a major driver for overfishing. It is therefore paramount to **achieve a stable and ensuring balance between** the Union fishing **fleets and** the resources available. **As noted in the Green Paper, despite considerable sums of money spent over many years,** the removal of overcapacity through public aid such as temporary or permanent cessation and scrapping schemes has proven ineffective **and the size and composition of the EU fleet are still not in line with resources available. EMFF funds must be used to support fishermen and vessels that fish in the most environmentally and socially**

sustainable way.

Amendment 16

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 40

Text proposed by the Commission

(40) With overcapacity being one of the key drivers of overfishing, measures need to be taken to adapt the Union fishing fleet to the resources available; in this context, the EMFF should support the establishment, modification and management of the systems of transferable fishing concessions introduced by the CFP as management tools for reducing overcapacity.

Amendment

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Amendment 17

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 41

Text proposed by the Commission

(41) It is paramount to integrate environmental concerns into the EMFF and support the implementation of conservation measures under the CFP taking however into account the diverse conditions throughout the Union waters. For this purpose it is essential to develop a regionalised approach to conservation measures.

Amendment

(41) It is paramount to integrate environmental concerns into the EMFF and ***promote actions for the mitigation of the effects of, and adaptation to, climate change on the marine, coastal and insular environment, with a particular emphasis on those areas that are most vulnerable in that respect,*** support the implementation of conservation measures under the CFP taking however into account the diverse conditions throughout the Union waters. For this purpose it is essential to develop a regionalised approach to conservation measures ***that facilitates cooperation and consistency among Member States sharing a particular fishery.***

Amendment 18

Proposal for a regulation Recital 42

Text proposed by the Commission

(42) In the same vein, the EMFF should support the reduction of the impact of fishing on the marine environment in particular through the promotion of eco innovation, more selective gears and equipment as well as measures aiming at protecting and restoring marine biodiversity and ecosystems and the services they provide, in line with the EU Biodiversity Strategy to 2020.

Amendment

(42) In the same vein, the EMFF should support the reduction, ***and where possible elimination***, of the impact of fishing on the marine environment in particular through the promotion of eco innovation, ***that has proven to improve long-term environmentally sustainable fishing and to reduce the impact of fishing on the marine environment***, more selective gears and equipment as well as measures aiming at protecting and restoring marine biodiversity and ecosystems and the services they provide, in line with ***restoring and maintaining populations of harvested species above levels which can produce the Maximum Sustainable Yield by 2015, achieving and maintaining a good environmental status by 2020 and in line with the*** EU Biodiversity Strategy to 2020.

Amendment 19

Proposal for a regulation Recital 43

Text proposed by the Commission

(43) In line with the discard ban introduced by the CFP, the EMFF should support investments ***on board aiming at make the best use of*** unwanted fish ***caught*** and valorise underused components of the fish caught. Considering the scarcity of the resources, in order to maximise the value of the fish caught, the EMFF should also support investments on board aiming at adding commercial value to fish caught.

Amendment

(43) In line with the discard ban introduced by the CFP, the EMFF should support investments ***in gear selectivity to avoid, minimize and where possible eliminate*** the unwanted ***catches of*** fish and ***investments on board aiming to*** valorise underused components of the fish caught. Considering the scarcity of the resources, in order to maximise the value of the fish caught, the EMFF should also support investments on board aiming at adding commercial value to fish caught.

Amendment 20

Proposal for a regulation Recital 44

Text proposed by the Commission

(44) Conscious of the importance of fishing ports, landing sites and shelters, the EMFF should support relevant investments in particular to increase energy efficiency, environmental protection, the quality of the product landed, as well as safety and working conditions.

Amendment

(44) Conscious of the importance of fishing ports, landing sites and shelters, the EMFF should support relevant investments in particular to increase ***the recording of catches***, energy efficiency, environmental protection, the quality of the product landed ***in accordance with the landing obligation laid out in Article 15 of the Regulation on the Common Fisheries Policy***, as well as safety and working conditions.

Amendment 21

Proposal for a regulation Recital 44 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(44a) The EMFF should support the establishment a coherent network of fish stock recovery areas, in which all fishing activities are prohibited, and which include areas important for fish productivity, in particular nursery grounds, spawning grounds and feeding grounds for fish stocks.

Amendment 22

Proposal for a regulation Recital 45

Text proposed by the Commission

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Amendment 23

Proposal for a regulation Recital 46

Text proposed by the Commission

(46) In line with the Commission's Strategy for the Sustainable Development of European Aquaculture, the CFP objectives and Europe 2020 Strategy, the EMFF should support the environmentally, economically and socially sustainable development of the aquaculture industry.

Amendment

(46) In line with the Commission's Strategy for the Sustainable Development of European Aquaculture, the CFP objectives and Europe 2020 Strategy, the EMFF should support the environmentally, economically and socially sustainable development *and management* of the aquaculture industry, *with a particular focus on organic, closed-system aquaculture*.

Amendment 24

Proposal for a regulation Recital 47

Text proposed by the Commission

(47) Aquaculture contributes to growth and jobs in coastal and rural regions. Therefore, it is crucial that the EMFF is accessible to aquaculture enterprises, in particular SMEs and contributes to bringing new aquaculture farmers into the business. In order to increase the competitiveness and economic performance of aquaculture activities it is vital to stimulate innovation and entrepreneurship. Therefore the EMFF should support innovative operations and business development, *in particular non-food and off-shore aquaculture*.

Amendment

(47) Aquaculture contributes to growth and jobs in coastal and rural regions. Therefore, it is crucial that the EMFF is accessible to *sustainable* aquaculture enterprises, in particular SMEs and contributes to bringing new aquaculture farmers into the business. In order to increase the competitiveness and economic performance of aquaculture activities it is vital to stimulate innovation and entrepreneurship. Therefore the EMFF should support *sustainable*, innovative operations and business development, *contributing to ensuring that aquaculture*

is sustainable and in line with the Water, Habitats, Environmental Impact Assessment and Marine Strategy Framework Directives.

Amendment 25

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 50

Text proposed by the Commission

(50) Conscious of the need to identify the most suitable areas for developing aquaculture taking into account access to waters and space, the EMFF should support national authorities in making their strategic choices at national level.

Amendment

(50) Conscious of the need to identify the most suitable areas for developing aquaculture taking into account access to waters and space, the EMFF should support national authorities in making their strategic choices at national level, *in line with the EU Policy on Coastal Zone Management and Maritime Spatial Planning.*

Amendment 26

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 51

Text proposed by the Commission

(51) Investment in human capital is also vital to increase the competitiveness and economic performance of aquaculture activities. Therefore, the EMFF should support lifelong learning and networking stimulating the dissemination of knowledge as well as advisory services helping to improve the overall performance and competitiveness of operators.

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(51) Investment in human capital is also vital to increase the competitiveness and economic performance of aquaculture activities. Therefore, the EMFF should support lifelong learning and networking stimulating the dissemination of knowledge as well as advisory services helping to *decrease the environmental impact of aquaculture activities and to* improve the overall performance and competitiveness of operators.

Amendment 27

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 52

Text proposed by the Commission

(52) In order to promote environmentally sustainable aquaculture, the EMFF should support aquaculture activities which are highly respectful of the environment, the conversion of aquaculture enterprises to eco-management, the use of audit schemes as well as the conversion to **organic** aquaculture. ***In the same vein, the EMFF should also support aquaculture providing for special environmental services.***

Amendment

(52) In order to promote environmentally sustainable aquaculture, the EMFF should support aquaculture activities which are ***ecosystem-based***, highly respectful of the environment, the conversion of aquaculture enterprises to eco-management, the use of audit schemes as well as the conversion to ***sustainable*** aquaculture.

Amendment 28

**Proposal for a regulation
Recital 53**

Text proposed by the Commission

(53) Conscious of the importance of consumer protection, the EMFF should ensure adequate support to farmers in order to prevent and mitigate the risk for public and animal health that aquaculture rearing may generate.

Amendment

(53) Conscious of the importance of consumer protection, the EMFF should ensure adequate support to farmers in order to prevent and mitigate the risk for public and animal health ***and welfare*** that aquaculture rearing may generate.

Amendment 29

**Proposal for a regulation
Recital 54**

Text proposed by the Commission

(54) Recognizing the risk of investments in aquaculture activities, the EMFF should contribute to business security by covering access to stock insurance and therefore safeguarding the income of producers in case of abnormal production losses due in particular to natural disasters, adverse climatic events, sudden water quality changes, diseases or pest infestations and destruction of production

Amendment

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facilities.

Amendment 30

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 61

Text proposed by the Commission

(61) In order to ensure the viability of fisheries and aquaculture in a highly competitive market, it is necessary to lay down provisions granting support for the implementation of the [Regulation (EU) No on the common organisation of the markets in fishery and aquaculture products] as well as for marketing and processing activities carried by operators to maximise the value of fisheries and aquaculture products. Particular attention should be paid to the promotion of operations which integrate producing, processing and marketing activities of the supply chain. ***In order to adapt to the new discard ban policy, the EMFF should also support the processing of unwanted catches.***

Amendment

(61) In order to ensure the viability of fisheries and aquaculture in a highly competitive market, it is necessary to lay down provisions granting support for the implementation of the [Regulation (EU) No on the common organisation of the markets in fishery and aquaculture products] as well as for marketing and processing activities carried by operators to maximise the value of fisheries and aquaculture products. Particular attention should be paid to the promotion of operations which integrate producing, processing and marketing activities of the supply chain.

Justification

Aid should not provide any incentives to target unwanted catch.

Amendment 31

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 62

Text proposed by the Commission

(62) Priority should be given to producer organisations and associations of producer organisations by granting them support. The compensation for storage aid and aid for production and marketing plans should ***gradually*** be phased out as the importance of this particular kind of support has lost its

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interest in the light of the evolving structure of the Union market for this kind of products and the growing importance of strong producer's organisations.

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Justification

Support funded under this measure is underutilized by Producer Organizations in the current financial framework. Instead of continuing funding this measure, storage aid should be phased out entirely, especially given that the EU (as derogation) is paying 100% of the financing for this measure and it is aimed solely at commercial species.

Amendment 32

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 69

Text proposed by the Commission

(69) It is paramount that Member States and operators are equipped in such a way that controls can be carried out to a high standard and therefore ensure compliance with the rules of the Common Fisheries Policy while providing for the sustainable exploitation of living aquatic resources; the EMFF should therefore support Member States and operators in conformity with Council Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009. By creating a culture of compliance, this support should contribute to sustainable growth.

Amendment

(69) It is paramount that Member States and operators are equipped in such a way that controls can be carried out **regularly and** to a high standard and therefore ensure compliance with the rules of the Common Fisheries Policy while providing for the sustainable exploitation of living aquatic resources; the EMFF should therefore support Member States and operators in conformity with Council Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009. By creating a culture of compliance, this support should contribute to sustainable growth.

Amendment 33

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 70

Text proposed by the Commission

(70) The support granted to Member States on the basis of the Regulation (EC) No. 861/2006 for the expenditure incurred relating to the implementation of the Union control system should be **continued** under the EMFF pursuing the logic of a single

Amendment

(70) The support granted to Member States on the basis of the Regulation (EC) No. 861/2006 for the expenditure incurred relating to the implementation of the Union control system should be **increased** under the EMFF pursuing the logic of a single

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Amendment 34

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 73

Text proposed by the Commission

(73) Provisions should be laid down for support to collect, manage and use of fisheries data as specified in the multiannual Union programme, in particular to support national programmes and the management and use of data for scientific analysis and CFP implementation. The support granted to Member States on the basis of the Regulation (EC) No. 861/2006 for the expenditure incurred relating to the collection, management and use of fisheries data should be *continued* under the EMFF pursuing the logic of a single fund.

Amendment

(73) Provisions should be laid down for support to collect, manage and use of fisheries data as specified in the multiannual Union programme, in particular to support national programmes and the management and use of data for scientific analysis and CFP implementation. The support granted to Member States on the basis of the Regulation (EC) No. 861/2006 for the expenditure incurred relating to the collection, management and use of fisheries data should be *increased* under the EMFF pursuing the logic of a single fund.

Amendment 35

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 75

Text proposed by the Commission

(75) The objective of the IMP is to support sustainable use of seas and oceans and to develop coordinated, coherent and transparent decision-making in relation to the policies affecting the oceans, seas, islands, coastal and outermost regions and maritime sectors, in accordance with the Commission Communication ‘An Integrated Maritime Policy of the European Union.

Amendment

(75) The objective of the IMP is to support sustainable use of seas and oceans and to develop coordinated, coherent and transparent decision-making in relation to the policies affecting the oceans, seas, islands, coastal and outermost regions and maritime sectors, in accordance with ***Regulation (EU) No 1255/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 November 2011 establishing a Programme to support the further development of an Integrated Maritime Policy¹*** and the Commission Communication ‘An Integrated Maritime

¹ OJ L321, 5.12.2011, p.1

Amendment 36

Proposal for a regulation Recital 76

Text proposed by the Commission

(76) Sustained funding is needed for the implementation and further development of the Integrated Maritime Policy for the European Union as reflected in the statements of the Council, the European Parliament and the Committee of the Regions.

Amendment

(76) Sustained funding is needed for the implementation and further development of the Integrated Maritime Policy for the European Union as reflected in **Regulation (EU) No 1255/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 November 2011 establishing a Programme to support the further development of an Integrated Maritime Policy¹** and the statements of the Council, the European Parliament and the Committee of the Regions. **The development of maritime affairs through financial support for IMP measures will have a significant impact in terms of economic, social and territorial cohesion.**

¹ OJ L321, 5.12.2011, p.1

Amendment 37

Proposal for a regulation Recital 76 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(76a) In this respect, EMFF should be designed to support exploratory work on actions which aim to promote the strategic objectives of the IMP, paying due attention to their cumulative impacts, on the basis of the ecosystem approach, to sustainable economic growth,

employment, innovation and competitiveness in coastal, insular and outermost regions, and to the promotion of the international dimension of the IMP.

Amendment 38

Proposal for a regulation Recital 77

Text proposed by the Commission

(77) The EMFF should support the promotion of integrated maritime governance at all levels especially through exchanges of best practices and the further development and implementation of sea basin strategies. These strategies aim at setting up an integrated framework to address common challenges in European sea basins and strengthened co-operation between stakeholders to maximise the use of Union financial instruments and funds and contribute to the economic, social and territorial cohesion of the Union.

Amendment

(77) The EMFF should support the promotion of integrated maritime governance at all levels especially through exchanges of best practices and the further development and implementation of sea basin strategies. These strategies aim at setting up an integrated framework to address common challenges in European sea basins and strengthened co-operation between stakeholders to maximise the use of Union financial instruments and funds and contribute to the economic, social and territorial cohesion of the Union *and the environmental sustainability. It is therefore very important to improve and enhance external cooperation and coordination in relation to the objectives of the IMP, on the basis of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS);*

Amendment 39

Proposal for a regulation Recital 80

Text proposed by the Commission

(80) The EMFF should also support sustainable economic growth, employment, innovation and competitiveness within maritime sectors and in coastal regions. It is particularly important to identify

Amendment

(80) The EMFF should also support sustainable economic growth, employment, innovation and competitiveness within maritime sectors and in coastal, *insular and outermost regions in the Union*. It is

regulatory barriers and skill deficiencies hindering growth in emerging and prospective maritime sectors, as well as operations aimed at fostering investment in technological innovation necessary to enhance the business potential of marine and maritime applications.

therefore significant to promote the development of coastal, maritime and island tourism. It is particularly important to identify regulatory barriers and skill deficiencies hindering growth in emerging and prospective maritime sectors, as well as operations aimed at fostering investment in technological innovation necessary to enhance the business potential of marine and maritime applications.

Amendment 40

Proposal for a regulation Recital 88

Text proposed by the Commission

(88) Conscious of the importance of ensuring conservation of marine biological and protecting fish stocks in particular from illegal fishing and in the spirit of the conclusions drawn in the Green Paper on the Reform of the CFP, those operators who do not comply with the rules of the CFP, and particularly jeopardise the sustainability of the stocks concerned and constitute therefore a serious threat to the sustainable exploitation of living marine biological resources *that restores and maintains populations of harvested species above levels which can produce the MSY, and* those who are involved in IUU fishing should be excluded from support under the EMFF. Union funding should not at any stage from the selection to the implementation of an operation be used to undermine the public interest of conservation of marine biological resources expressed in the objectives of the CFP Regulation.

Amendment

(88) Conscious of the importance of ensuring conservation of marine biological *resources* and protecting fish stocks in particular from illegal fishing and in the spirit of the conclusions drawn in the Green Paper on the Reform of the CFP, those operators who do not comply with the rules of the CFP, and particularly jeopardise the sustainability of the stocks concerned and *specifically the goals of restoring and maintaining populations of harvested species above levels which can produce MSY by 2015 and achieving and maintaining a good environmental status by 2020*, constitute therefore a serious threat to the sustainable exploitation of living marine biological resources, *along* those who are involved in IUU fishing *and* should be excluded from support under the EMFF. Union funding should not at any stage from the selection to the implementation of an operation be used to undermine the public interest of conservation of marine biological resources expressed in the objectives of the CFP Regulation.

Amendment 41

Proposal for a regulation Recital 98

Text proposed by the Commission

(98) The operational programme should be subject to monitoring and evaluation in order to improve its quality and demonstrate its achievements. The Commission should set up a framework for a common monitoring and evaluation ensuring among others that relevant data is available on a timely manner. In this context a list of indicators should be determined and the impact of the EMFF policy assessed by the Commission in relation to specific objectives.

Amendment

(98) The operational programme should be subject to monitoring and evaluation in order to improve its quality and demonstrate its achievements. The Commission should set up a framework for a common monitoring and evaluation ensuring among others that relevant data is **publicly** available on a timely manner. In this context a list of indicators should be determined and the impact of the EMFF policy assessed by the Commission in relation to specific objectives.

Amendment 42

Proposal for a regulation Recital 101 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(101a) It is particularly important to ensure that ex-ante conditionalities concerning the administrative capacity to comply with the data requirements for fisheries management and the implementation of a Union control inspection and enforcement system are respected;

Amendment 43

Proposal for a regulation Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point d a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(da) and the Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD).

Amendment 44

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 2 – point 5 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(5a) 'fish stock recovery area' means a clearly defined geographical space within a Member States coastal territorial waters, including nursery grounds, spawning grounds and feeding grounds for fish stocks, in which all fishing activities are prohibited;

Amendment 45

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 2 – point 6 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(6a) 'fishing capacity' means the ability of a vessel to catch fish and includes a vessel's tonnage in GT (Gross Tonnage), its power in kW (Kilowatt) as defined in Articles 4 and 5 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2930/86¹, its gear type as defined in Annex XI of Commission Regulation 404/2011 and the amount of gear deployed;

¹ OJ L 274, 25.9.1986, p. 1.

Amendment 46

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 2 – point 10

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(10) 'inland fishing' means fishing carried

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¹ OJ L 274, 25.9.1986, p. 1.

out for commercial purposes *by vessels operating* exclusively in inland waters or by other devices used for ice fishing;

out for commercial purposes, *from a vessel or otherwise*, exclusively in inland waters or by other devices used for ice fishing;

Amendment 47

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 2 – point 15 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(15a) 'proxy' means that where maximum sustainable yield cannot be determined, the methodologies set out in part B descriptor 3.1 and 3.2 of Commission Decision 2010/477/EU on criteria and methodological standards on good environmental status of marine waters for the Marine Strategy Framework Directive (Directive 2008/56/EC) shall be applied to determine a suitable proxy;

Amendment 48

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a) promoting sustainable and competitive fisheries and aquaculture;

(a) ensuring that fishing and aquaculture activities secure long-term environmental sustainability, which is necessary for economic and social sustainability, and contribute to the availability of food supplies;

Amendment 49

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – point d a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(da) ensuring systematic and harmonized data collection of robust and timely

biological, technical, environmental and socio-economic data necessary for ecosystem based management of fisheries and aquaculture.

Amendment 50

Proposal for a regulation Article 6 – point 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) promotion of economic growth, social inclusion, creation of jobs and supporting labour mobility in coastal and inland communities depending on fishing and aquaculture;

Amendment

(a) promotion of **sustainable** economic growth, social inclusion, creation of jobs and supporting labour mobility in coastal and inland communities depending on fishing and aquaculture;

Amendment 51

Proposal for a regulation Article 6 – point 2 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) support to strengthening technological development, innovation and knowledge transfer;

Amendment

(a) support to strengthening technological development, innovation and knowledge transfer, **provided that they do not lead to a capacity increase**;

Amendment 52

Proposal for a regulation Article 6 – point 2 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) enhancement of the competitiveness and viability of fisheries, in particular of small scale coastal fleet, and improvement of safety **or** working conditions;

Amendment

(b) enhancement of the competitiveness and viability of fisheries, in particular of small scale coastal fleet, and improvement of safety **and** working conditions;

Amendment 53

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – point 3 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

(3) Fostering innovative, competitive and knowledge based aquaculture through the focus on the following areas:

Amendment

(3) Fostering **sustainable**, innovative, competitive and knowledge **and ecosystem** based aquaculture through the focus on the following areas:

Amendment 54

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – point 3 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) enhancement of the competitiveness and viability of aquaculture enterprises, SMEs in particular;

Amendment

(b) enhancement of the **sustainability**, competitiveness and viability of aquaculture enterprises, **organic aquaculture** and SMEs in particular;

Amendment 55

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – point 4 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

(4) **Promoting** a sustainable and **resource efficient** fisheries through the focus on the following areas:

Amendment

(4) **Ensuring** a sustainable and **ecosystem based** fisheries **management** through the focus on the following areas:

Amendment 56

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – point 4 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) **reduction** of the impact of fisheries on the marine environment;

Amendment

(a) **minimization and where possible elimination of all by catch and** of the impact of fisheries on the marine environment;

Amendment 57

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – point 4 – point b a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ba) ensuring the compliance of fishing activities with Union environmental legislation, in particular with Directive 2008/56/EC, Directive 1992/43/EEC and Directive 2009/147/EC and the achievement of good environmental status as defined in the Marine Strategy Framework Directive.

Amendment 58

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – point 5 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(5) Promoting a sustainable and resource efficient aquaculture through the focus on the following areas:

(5) Promoting a sustainable, *ecosystem based* and resource efficient aquaculture through the focus on the following areas:

Amendment 59

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – point 5 – point a a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(aa) assessment, reduction and where possible elimination of the impacts of aquaculture activities on marine, terrestrial and freshwater ecosystems;

Amendment 60

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – point 5 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) promotion of aquaculture with high level of environmental protection and of animal health and welfare and of public health and safety.

Amendment

(b) promotion of aquaculture with high level of environmental protection, that is compatible with the objectives of Directive 2008/56/EC and of animal health and welfare and of public health and safety, ***with a focus on aquaculture that reduces dependence on fish meal and fish oil, ensuring that these come from sustainable sources, as well as producing food for human consumption and on organic aquaculture.***

Amendment 61

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – point 6 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) the supply of scientific knowledge and collection of data;

Amendment

(a) the supply of scientific knowledge and collection of data ***necessary for ecosystem based fisheries and aquaculture management including data required to achieve restoring and maintaining populations of harvested species above levels which can produce MSY by 2015 and achieve a good environmental status by 2020;***

Amendment 62

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – point 6 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) the support to control and enforcement, enhancing institutional capacity and an efficient public administration.

Amendment

(b) the support to control, ***monitoring*** and enforcement, enhancing institutional capacity and an efficient public administration.

Amendment 63

Proposal for a regulation

Article 12 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

1. Applications submitted by the following operators shall not be admissible for support from the EMFF *for an identified period of time*:

Amendment

1. Applications submitted by the following operators shall not be admissible for support from the EMFF:

Amendment 64

Proposal for a regulation

Article 12 – paragraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) operators who committed other cases of non compliance with the CFP rules which *seriously* jeopardise the sustainability of the stocks concerned.

Amendment

(c) operators who committed other cases of non compliance with the CFP rules *and Union environmental policy requirements* which jeopardise the sustainability of the stocks concerned *and the achievement of a good environmental status by 2020*.

Amendment 65

Proposal for a regulation

Article 12 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. Applications submitted by operators that have committed an irregularity under the EFF or the EMFF shall not be admissible *for an identified period of time*.

Amendment

2. Applications submitted by operators that have committed an irregularity under the EFF or the EMFF shall not be admissible.

Amendment 66

Proposal for a regulation

Article 12 – paragraph 3 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a) the identification of the period of time referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 which shall be proportionate to the seriousness or to the repetition of the infringement or non-compliance;

deleted

Amendment 67

Proposal for a regulation

Article 12 – paragraph 3 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(b) the relevant starting or ending dates of the period referred to in paragraph 1;

deleted

Amendment 68

Proposal for a regulation

Article 13 – point a a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(aa) operations jeopardising the sustainability of marine biological resources and ecosystems;

Amendment 69

Proposal for a regulation

Article 13 – point b a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ba) investments on board of vessels for which the flag Member State has not demonstrated a balance between the fleet capacity and the available fishing opportunities, as required under [Regulation on the Common Fisheries Policy];

Amendment 70

Proposal for a regulation Article 13 – point f

Text proposed by the Commission

(f) direct restocking, unless explicitly foreseen as a conservation measure by a Union legal act *or in the case of experimental restocking*.

Amendment

(f) direct restocking, unless explicitly foreseen as a conservation measure by a Union legal act.

Amendment 71

Proposal for a regulation Article 15 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. **EUR 4 535 000 000** of the resources referred to in paragraph (1) shall be allocated to the sustainable development of fisheries, aquaculture and fisheries areas under Chapters I, II and III of Title V.

Amendment

2. **A maximum of EUR 3 964 000 000** of the resources referred to in paragraph (1) shall be allocated to the sustainable development of fisheries, aquaculture and fisheries areas under Chapters I, II and III of Title V.

Justification

Greater resources should be allocated to control activities and data collection.

Amendment 72

Proposal for a regulation Article 15 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. **EUR 477 000 000** of the resources referred to in paragraph (1) shall be allocated to control and enforcement measures referred to in Article 78.

Amendment

3. **A minimum of EUR 690 000 000** of the resources referred to in paragraph (1) shall be allocated to control and enforcement measures referred to in Article 78.

Justification

Greater resources should be allocated to control activities and data collection.

Amendment 73

Proposal for a regulation
Article 15 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

4. **EUR 358 000 000** of the resources referred to in paragraph (1) shall be allocated to measures on data collection referred to in Article 79.

Amendment

4. **A minimum of EUR 716 000 000** of the resources referred to in paragraph (1) shall be allocated to measures on data collection referred to in Article 79.

Justification

Greater resources should be allocated to control activities and data collection.

Amendment 74

Proposal for a regulation
Article 15 – paragraph 6

Text proposed by the Commission

6. **EUR 45 000 000 of the resources referred to in paragraph (1) shall be allocated to the storage aid referred to in Article 72 from 2014 to 2018 included.**

Amendment

deleted

Justification

Rather than using public aid to store fish for which there is no immediate market, the timing of fishing activities should be better managed (see Art. 70).

Amendment 75

Proposal for a regulation
Article 19 – point d a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(da) where applicable, consistency of the measures under Union priorities for EMFF referred to in Article 38(1)d of this Regulation and the prioritised action frameworks for Natura 2000 referred to in Article 8(4) of Council Directive 92/43/EEC and the achievement of good environmental status as defined in Directive 2008/56/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council.

Amendment 76

Proposal for a regulation
Article 20 – paragraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(c) a demonstration of a pertinent approach integrated into the programme towards innovation, the environment, including the specific needs of Natura 2000 areas, and climate change mitigation and adaptation;

(c) a demonstration of a pertinent approach integrated into the programme towards innovation, **conservation of the marine** environment, including the specific needs of Natura 2000 areas, **the establishment of fish stock recovery areas** and climate change mitigation and adaptation;

Amendment 77

Proposal for a regulation
Article 20 – paragraph 1 – point c a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ca) an assessment of the balance between fishing capacity and available fishing opportunities as required under [Regulation on the Common Fisheries Policy];

Amendment 78

Proposal for a regulation
Article 20 – paragraph 1 – point f

Text proposed by the Commission

(f) description of selection criteria for projects;

Amendment

(f) description of selection criteria for projects, ***giving priority to projects that are designed to reduce the environmental impact of fishing and aquaculture activities;***

Amendment 79

Proposal for a regulation
Article 20 – paragraph 1 – point g

Text proposed by the Commission

(g) description of selection criteria for local development strategies under Chapter III of Title V;

Amendment

(g) description of selection criteria for local development strategies under Chapter III of Title V, ***giving priority to projects that are designed to reduce the environmental impact of fishing and aquaculture activities;***

Amendment 80

Proposal for a regulation
Article 20 – paragraph 1 – point o – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

(o) For the objective of collection of data for sustainable fisheries management referred in under Articles 6(6) and 18(4) and in accordance with the multiannual Union programme referred to in Article 37(5) of the [Regulation on Common Fisheries Policy]:

Amendment

(o) For the objective of collection of data for sustainable ***ecosystem based*** fisheries management referred in under Articles 6(6) and 18(4) and in accordance with the multiannual Union programme referred to in Article 37(5) of the [Regulation on Common Fisheries Policy]:

Amendment 81

Proposal for a regulation

Article 20 – paragraph 1 – point o – point i – indent 3

Text proposed by the Commission

– an evaluation of the effects of the fishing sector on the ecosystem.

Amendment

– an evaluation of the effects of the fishing sector on the ecosystem *to allow comparisons among types of fishing activities and fleet segments according to the requirements of [Regulation on the Common Fisheries Policy]*.

Amendment 82

Proposal for a regulation

Article 21 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. The Commission shall approve the operational programme by means of implementing act.

Amendment

2. The Commission shall approve the operational programme by means of implementing act *when it is satisfied the requirements of paragraph 1 have been met.*

Justification

The programmes should only be approved once they are correct.

Amendment 83

Proposal for a regulation

Article 24 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

The Commission *may* adopt, by means of implementing acts, rules on procedures, format and timetables for:

Amendment

The Commission *shall* adopt, by means of implementing acts, rules on procedures, format and timetables for:

Amendment 84

Proposal for a regulation
Article 28 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. In order to stimulate innovation in fisheries, the EMFF may support projects aiming at developing or introducing new or substantially improved products compared to the state of art, new or improved processes, new or improved management and organisation systems.

Amendment

1. In order to stimulate innovation in fisheries, the EMFF may support projects aiming at developing or introducing new or substantially improved products compared to the state of art, new or improved processes, new or improved management and organisation systems ***provided they contribute to the achievement of ecological sustainability, consistent with the objectives of the Common Fisheries Policy.***

Amendment 85

Proposal for a regulation
Article 28 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. Operations financed under this Article must be carried out in collaboration with a scientific or technical body recognised by the Member State which shall validate the results of such operations.

Amendment

2. Operations financed under this Article must be carried out in collaboration with a scientific or technical body recognised by the Member State which shall validate the results of such operations ***and make them available for the public.***

Justification

When public aid is given to operations, there must be full transparency in how these funds were allocated, used and the benefits derived.

Amendment 86

Proposal for a regulation
Article 29 – paragraph 1 – point b a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ba) the provision of professional and scientific advice on the development of sustainable fisheries and aquaculture

activities, with a focus on limiting and where possible eliminating the impacts of these activities on marine, terrestrial and freshwater ecosystems;

Amendment 87

Proposal for a regulation Article 30 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. Activities referred to in paragraph 1(b) may cover data collection activities, studies, dissemination of knowledge and best practices.

Amendment

2. Activities referred to in paragraph 1(b) may cover data collection activities, **joint research projects**, studies, dissemination of knowledge and best practices.

Amendment 88

Proposal for a regulation Article 32 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) business start-ups outside fishing;

Amendment

(a) business start-ups **for sustainable activities related to the maritime sector** outside fishing, **including environmental services, educational activities or tourism;**

Amendment 89

Proposal for a regulation Article 32 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. Support under paragraph 1(b) shall be granted to small scale coastal fishermen owning a Union fishing vessel registered as active and which have carried out fishing activities at sea at least **60 days** during the two years preceding the date of submission of the application. The fishing licence associated with the fishing vessel shall be

Amendment

3. Support under paragraph 1(b) shall be granted to small scale coastal fishermen owning a Union fishing vessel registered as active and which have carried out fishing activities at sea at least **180 days** during the two years preceding the date of submission of the application. The fishing licence associated with the fishing vessel shall be permanently withdrawn **and the national**

permanently withdrawn.

fleet reference level reduced accordingly.

Amendment 90

Proposal for a regulation Article 33 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. In order to improve working conditions on board for fishermen the EMFF may support investments on board or in individual equipments providing that these investments go beyond standards required under national or Union law.

Amendment

1. In order to improve working conditions on board for fishermen ***related to health, safety and hygiene*** the EMFF may support investments on board or in individual equipments providing that these investments go beyond standards required under national or Union law ***and do not increase the capacity of the fishing vessel.***

Amendment 91

Proposal for a regulation Article 33 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. When the operation consists in an investment on board, the support shall not be granted more than once during the programming period for the same fishing vessel. When the operation consists of an investment in individual equipment, the support shall not be granted more than once during the programming period for the same beneficiary.

Amendment

deleted

Amendment 92

Proposal for a regulation Article 33 – paragraph 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3a. The support referred to in paragraph 1 shall not exceed the amount of 50.000

euro.

Amendment 93

Proposal for a regulation

Article 33 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 33 a

Temporary cessation of fishing activities

The EMFF may contribute to the financing of measures for temporary cessation of fishing activities in the case of emergency situations caused by natural or manmade disasters such as oil spills, algal blooms or others. Such financing shall be limited to periods of three months, renewable for a further period of three months.

Amendment 94

Proposal for a regulation

Article 34

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 34

Article 34

Support to systems of **transferable** fishing concessions of the CFP

Support to systems of fishing concessions of the CFP

1. ***In order*** to establish or modify systems of **transferable** fishing concessions ***under Article 27 of the [Regulation on the CFP]***, the EMFF may support:

1. ***Where Member States choose*** to establish or modify systems of fishing concessions ***on the basis of objective and transparent criteria that are publicly available***, the EMFF may support:

(a) the design and development of technical and administrative means necessary for the creation or functioning of a **transferable** fishing concessions system;

(a) the design and development of technical and administrative means necessary for the creation or functioning of a fishing concessions system ***that will include but not be limited to the following criteria:***

(i) the employment of more selective fishing methods, gears and practices with low by-catch and low impact on the marine ecosystem;

(ii) having a good record of compliance with the rules of the Common Fisheries Policy and EU environmental requirements and with respecting catch and/or fishing effort limits designated by scientific advice;

(iii) ensuring increased, good quality employment, provided that this does not have negative environmental impacts;

(iv) the use of vessels and fishing methods that have low fuel emissions and are energy efficient;

(v) the use of video surveillance or an equivalent electronic monitoring equipment;

(vi) working conditions that comply with relevant international standards, notably the 2007 ILO Work in Fishing Convention;

(vii) having reported the production during at least the three previous years;

(b) stakeholder participation in designing and developing **transferable** fishing concessions systems;

(c) the monitoring and evaluation of **transferable** fishing concessions systems;

(d) the management of **transferable** concessions systems.

2. Support under paragraph 1 (a), (b) and (c) shall only be granted to public authorities. Support under paragraph 1 (d) of this Article shall be granted to public authorities legal or natural persons or recognized producer organizations involved in collective management of **pooled transferable** fishing concessions in accordance with Article 28(4) of *the Regulation on Common Fisheries*.

(b) stakeholder participation in designing and developing fishing concessions systems;

(c) the monitoring and evaluation of fishing concessions systems;

(d) the management of **fishing** concessions systems.

2. Support under paragraph 1 (a), (b) and (c) shall only be granted to public authorities. Support under paragraph 1 (d) of this Article shall be granted to public authorities, legal or natural persons or recognized producer organizations involved in collective management of fishing concessions in accordance with Article 28 of *[Regulation on the Common Fisheries Policy]*.

Amendment 95

Proposal for a regulation Article 34 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 34 a

Support for the development and implementation of multiannual plans

1. In order to ensure the efficient implementation of multiannual plans under Articles 9-11 of the [Regulation on Common Fisheries Policy] the EMFF shall support:

(a) the scientific advice and data necessary to ensure that the multiannual plans provide a fishing mortality rate that restores and maintains all stocks above levels capable of producing maximum sustainable yield by 2015, whilst contributing to the achievement, by 2020, of good environmental status for marine waters as required by Directive 2008/56/EC;

(b) stakeholder participation in developing multiannual plans;

(c) the effective implementation of multiannual plans;

(d) the management and adaptation of multiannual plans.

Amendment 96

Proposal for a regulation Article 35 – paragraph 1 – point a a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(aa) the establishment of a coherent network of fish stock recovery areas, in which all fishing activities are prohibited, that include areas important for fish productivity, in particular nursery

grounds, spawning grounds and feeding grounds for fish stocks and that amount to at least 20% of territorial waters in each Member State;

Amendment 97

Proposal for a regulation Article 35 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) stakeholder participation in designing and implementing conservation measures in the meaning of Articles 17 and 21 of the [Regulation on Common Fisheries Policy]

Amendment

(b) stakeholder participation *and cooperation among relevant Member States* in designing and implementing *multiannual plans established pursuant to Articles 9, 10 and 11 and* conservation measures in the meaning of Articles 17 and 21 of the [Regulation on Common Fisheries Policy]

Amendment 98

Proposal for a regulation Article 36 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

1. In order to *reduce* the impact of fishing on the marine environment, foster the elimination of discards and facilitate the transition to exploitation of living marine biological resources that restores and maintains populations of harvested species above levels which can produce the MSY, the EMFF may support investments in equipment:

Amendment

1. In order to *minimize, and where possible eliminate*, the impact of fishing on the marine environment, foster the elimination of discards and facilitate the transition to exploitation of living marine biological resources that restores and maintains populations of harvested species above levels which can produce the MSY *by 2015*, the EMFF may support investments in *research and* equipment:

Amendment 99

Proposal for a regulation

Article 36 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) **reducing** unwanted catches of **commercial** stocks or other by-catches;

Amendment

(b) **minimizing and where possible eliminating** unwanted **or unauthorised** catches of **harvested** stocks or other by-catches;

Amendment 100

Proposal for a regulation

Article 36 – paragraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) **limiting** the physical and biological impacts of fishing on the ecosystem or the sea bed.

Amendment

(c) **minimizing and where possible eliminating** the physical and biological impacts of fishing on the ecosystem or the sea bed, **including impacts on biodiversity, ecosystem and habitat integrity, trophic level balance and genetic variability**;

Amendment 101

Proposal for a regulation

Article 36 – paragraph 1 – point c a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ca) promoting research on fishing practices, gears, stock assessment and impact of fishing activities on ecosystem that aim to minimize or avoid the harmful impacts of fishing on the marine species and habitats;

Justification

Funding should be made available for research on fishing practices, gears, stock assessment and impact of fishing activities on ecosystem that aim to minimize or avoid the harmful impacts of fishing on the marine species and habitats.

Amendment 102

Proposal for a regulation

Article 36 – paragraph 1 – point c b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(cb) contributing to the assessment of fish stocks.

Amendment 103

Proposal for a regulation

Article 36 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2. Support shall not be granted more than once during the programming period for the same Union fishing vessel and for the same type of equipment.

2. Support shall not be granted more than once during the programming period for the same Union fishing vessel and for the same type of equipment ***and shall be granted on the condition that it does not lead to an increase in the fishing capacity of the fishing vessel.***

Amendment 104

Proposal for a regulation

Article 36 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3. Support shall only be granted when the gear or other equipment referred under paragraph 1 has demonstrably better size-selection or lower impact on non-target species than the standard gear or other equipment permitted under Union law or relevant national law of Member States adopted in the context of regionalisation as referred to in the [Regulation on the CFP].

3. Support shall only be granted when the gear or other equipment referred under paragraph 1 has demonstrably ***substantially*** better size-selection or lower impact on ***the ecosystem and on*** non-target species than the standard gear or other equipment permitted under Union law or relevant national law of Member States adopted in the context of regionalisation as referred to in the [Regulation on the CFP]. ***Support shall only be granted under the condition that investments will not increase the amount of fishing gear deployed;***

Amendment 105

Proposal for a regulation

Article 36 – paragraph 4 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) owners of Union fishing vessels whose vessels are registered as active vessels and which have carried a fishing activity of at least **60** days at sea during the two years preceding the date of submission of the application;

Amendment

(a) owners of Union fishing vessels whose vessels are registered as active vessels and which have carried a fishing activity of at least **180** days at sea during the two years preceding the date of submission of the application;

Justification

It is appropriate to restrict subsidies to vessels that have fished for an average of at least three months per year; otherwise marginal impact will be achieved.

Amendment 106

Proposal for a regulation

Article 36 – paragraph 4 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) fishermen who own the gear to be replaced and who have worked on board of a Union fishing vessel for at least **60** days during the two years preceding the date of submission of the application;

Amendment

(b) fishermen who own the gear to be replaced and who have worked on board of a Union fishing vessel for at least **180** days during the two years preceding the date of submission of the application;

Justification

It is appropriate to restrict subsidies to vessels that have fished for an average of at least three months per year; otherwise marginal impact will be achieved.

Amendment 107

Proposal for a regulation

Article 36 – paragraph 4 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

4a. Support shall only be granted under the condition that the vessel concerned is not part of a fleet operating at overcapacity and subject to strict environmental criteria to prevent any incentive in support of promoting excess fishing capacity or overfishing.

Justification

The Commission identified existing overcapacity as a key structural failing of the CFP. Public aid should not be spent to modernise vessels/fleets operating with overcapacities. In the past, several vessels have received aid for modernisation and only weeks later aid for scrapping. Aid covering under article 36 should include conditions and limits meant to prevent the accidental or intentional abuse of beneficial (or potentially beneficial) fishing aid under the EMFF.

Amendment 108

Proposal for a regulation Article 37 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1. In order to contribute to the elimination of discards and by-catches and facilitate the transition to exploitation of living marine biological resources that restores and maintains populations of harvested species above levels which can produce the MSY, the EMFF may support projects aiming at developing or introducing new technical or organisational knowledge reducing impacts of fishing activities on the environment ***or achieving*** a more sustainable use of marine biological resources.

1. In order to contribute to ***sustainable fisheries, including*** the elimination of discards and by-catches and facilitate the transition to exploitation of living marine biological resources that restores and maintains populations of harvested species above levels which can produce the MSY ***by 2015 and restore and maintain a good environmental status by 2020***, the EMFF may support projects aiming at developing or introducing new technical or organisational knowledge reducing impacts of fishing activities on the environment, ***including reduction of damage to the marine habitat and improving the selectivity of fishing operations in order to achieve*** a more sustainable use of marine biological resources, ***based on the precautionary approach and an ecosystem-based approach to fisheries***

management.

Amendment 109

Proposal for a regulation Article 37 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. Operations financed under this Article must be carried out in collaboration with a scientific or technical body recognised by the national law of each Member State which shall validate the results of such operations.

Amendment

2. Operations financed under this Article must be carried out in collaboration with a scientific or technical body recognised by the national law of each Member State which shall validate the results of such operations ***and make them publicly available.***

Amendment 110

Proposal for a regulation Article 38 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

1. In order to stimulate the participation of fishermen in the protection and restoration of marine biodiversity and ecosystems including the services they provide in the framework of sustainable fishing activities, the EMFF may support the following operations:

Amendment

1. In order to stimulate the participation of fishermen ***and other stakeholders*** in the protection and restoration of marine biodiversity and ecosystems including the services they provide in the framework of sustainable fishing activities, the EMFF may support the following operations:

Amendment 111

Proposal for a regulation Article 38 – paragraph 1 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

(d) management, restoration and monitoring NATURA 2000 sites in accordance with Council Directive 92/43/EEC of 21 May 1992 on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora and Council and European

Amendment

(d) ***identification, selection, designation,*** management, restoration and monitoring NATURA 2000 sites in accordance with Council Directive 92/43/EEC of 21 May 1992 on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora and

Parliament Directive 2009/147/EC of 30 November 2009 on the conservation of wild birds, in accordance with prioritised action frameworks established pursuant to Council Directive 92/43/EEC;

Council and European Parliament Directive 2009/147/EC of 30 November 2009 on the conservation of wild birds, in accordance with prioritised action frameworks established pursuant to Council Directive 92/43/EEC;

Amendment 112

Proposal for a regulation

Article 38 – paragraph 1 – point e

Text proposed by the Commission

(e) management, restoration and monitoring of marine protected areas in view of the implementation of the spatial protection measures referred to in Article 13(4) of the European Parliament and Council Directive 2008/56/EC;

Amendment

(e) **identification, selection, designation, management, restoration and monitoring** of marine protected areas in view of the implementation of the spatial protection measures referred to in Article 13(4) of the European Parliament and Council Directive 2008/56/EC;

Amendment 113

Proposal for a regulation

Article 38 – paragraph 1 – point e a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ea) identification, selection, designation, management, restoration and monitoring of a coherent network of fish stock recovery areas, in which all fishing activities are prohibited, that include areas important for fish productivity, in particular nursery grounds, spawning grounds and feeding grounds for fish stocks and that amount to at least 20% of territorial waters in each Member State;

Amendment 114

Proposal for a regulation
Article 38 – paragraph 1 – point f

Text proposed by the Commission

(f) the participation in other actions aimed at maintaining and enhancing biodiversity and ecosystem services, such as the restoration of specific marine and coastal habitats in support of sustainable fish stocks.

Amendment

(f) the participation in other actions aimed at maintaining and enhancing biodiversity and ecosystem services, ***reducing the impacts of fishing activities on biodiversity and ecosystem integrity*** such as the restoration of specific marine and coastal habitats in support of sustainable fish stocks ***and achieving a good environmental status by 2020, consistent with the precautionary approach and an ecosystem-based approach to fisheries management.***

Amendment 115

Proposal for a regulation
Article 38 – paragraph 1 – point f a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(fa) environmental awareness for and by fishermen for the protection and restoration of marine biodiversity.

Amendment 116

Proposal for a regulation
Article 39 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a) investments on board aimed at reducing the emission of pollutants or green-house gases ***and increasing energy efficiency of fishing vessels;***

(a) investments on board aimed at reducing the emission of pollutants or green-house gases, ***under the condition that the investment will not lead to an increase in the fishing capacity of the fishing vessel;***

Amendment 117

Proposal for a regulation
Article 39 – paragraph 1 – point b a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(b a) other projects aimed at reducing pressures on marine biological resources associated with climate change.

Amendment 118

Proposal for a regulation
Article 39 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2. Support shall not contribute to the replacement or modernisation of main or ancillary engines. Support shall only be granted to owners of fishing vessels and not more than once during the programming period for the same fishing vessel.

2. Support shall not contribute to the replacement or modernisation of main or ancillary engines ***nor serve to increase their power***. Support shall only be granted to owners of fishing vessels and not more than once during the programming period for the same fishing vessel.

Amendment 119

Proposal for a regulation
Article 40 – title

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Product quality and ***use of unwanted catches***

Product quality and ***the valorisation of underused components of fish***

Amendment 120

Proposal for a regulation
Article 40 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

4. The support referred to in paragraph 1 shall only be granted to owners of Union fishing vessels whose vessels ***are which*** have carried a fishing activity for at least

4. The support referred to in paragraph 1 shall only be granted to owners of Union fishing vessels whose vessels have carried ***out*** a fishing activity for at least ***180*** days

60 days at sea during the two years preceding the date of submission of the application.

at sea during the two years preceding the date of submission of the application.

Amendment 121

Proposal for a regulation Article 41 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. For the purpose of increasing the quality of the product landed, increasing energy efficiency, contributing to environmental protection or improving safety and working conditions, the EMFF may support investments improving fishing port infrastructure or landing sites, including investments in facilities for waste and marine litter collection.

Amendment

1. For the purpose of increasing the quality of the product landed, increasing energy efficiency, contributing to environmental protection or improving safety and working conditions, the EMFF may support investments improving fishing port infrastructure or landing sites, including investments in facilities for waste and marine litter collection ***such as lost or damaged fishing gear that has been retrieved and marine litter;***

Justification

Replacing amendment 28 to Article 38.1(a) since is more appropriate here.

Amendment 122

Proposal for a regulation Title 5 – chapter 2 – title

Text proposed by the Commission

Sustainable development of aquaculture

Amendment

Sustainable ***management and*** development of aquaculture

Amendment 123

Proposal for a regulation Article 44 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. ***Where*** operations consist of investments

Amendment

2. ***Support shall only be granted when***

in equipment or infrastructure **ensuring compliance with requirements** on the environment, human or animal health, hygiene or animal welfare under Union law, **and entering into force after 2014, may be granted until the date on which the standards become mandatory for the enterprises.**

operations consist of investments in equipment or infrastructure **which has demonstrably lower impact** on the environment, **or better performance with respect to** human or animal health, hygiene or animal welfare **than the requirements** under Union law.

Justification

The criteria for allocating support should be tightened up.

Amendment 124

Proposal for a regulation

Article 45 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) developing or introducing in the market new or substantially improved products compared to the state of art, new or improved processes, new or improved management and organisation systems.

Amendment

(b) developing or introducing in the market new or substantially improved products compared to the state of art, new or improved processes, new or improved management and organisation systems **that are in line with the general objectives expressed in Article 2 and 3(c) of the [Regulation on the Common Fisheries policy].**

Amendment 125

Proposal for a regulation

Article 47 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) adding value to aquaculture products, in particular by allowing the aquaculture **enterprise** to carry out the processing, marketing and direct sale of its own aquaculture production;

Amendment

(a) adding value to aquaculture products, in particular by allowing the aquaculture **sector** to carry out the processing, marketing and direct sale of its own aquaculture production;

Amendment 126

Proposal for a regulation

Article 47 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(b) diversification of the income of aquaculture enterprises through the development of new aquaculture species with good market prospects;

deleted

Amendment 127

Proposal for a regulation

Article 47 – paragraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(c) diversification of the income of aquaculture *enterprises* through the development of complementary activities outside aquaculture.

(c) diversification of the income of *the* aquaculture *sector* through the development of complementary activities outside aquaculture.

Amendment 128

Proposal for a regulation

Article 48 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a) the setting up management, relief and advisory services for aquaculture farms;

(a) the setting up management, relief and advisory services for aquaculture farms *which contribute to reducing the environmental impact of the operations;*

Amendment 129

Proposal for a regulation

Article 48 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(b) the provision of farm advisory services of technical, scientific, legal or economic

(b) the provision of farm advisory services of *environmental*, technical, scientific,

nature.

legal or economic nature ***which contribute to reducing the environmental impact of the operations, amongst others.***

Amendment 130

Proposal for a regulation Article 48 – paragraph 2 – point e

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(e) marketing and business strategies.

deleted

Amendment 131

Proposal for a regulation Article 49 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a) lifelong learning, dissemination of scientific knowledge and innovative practices and acquisition of new professional skills in aquaculture;

(a) lifelong learning, dissemination of scientific knowledge and innovative practices and acquisition of new professional skills in aquaculture ***which contribute to reducing the environmental impact of the operations;***

Amendment 132

Proposal for a regulation Article 49 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(b) networking and exchange of experience and best ***practice*** among aquaculture enterprises or professional organisations and other stakeholders, including scientific bodies or those promoting equal opportunities between men and women.

(b) networking and exchange of experience and best ***practices in minimizing the impact on marine, terrestrial and freshwater ecosystems*** among ***sustainable*** aquaculture enterprises or professional organisations and other stakeholders, including scientific bodies or those promoting equal opportunities between men and women.

Amendment 133

Proposal for a regulation

Article 50 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

1. In order to contribute to *the development* of *the* aquaculture sites and infrastructures, the EMFF may support:

Amendment

1. In order to contribute to *sustainable aquaculture and reducing the environmental impact* of aquaculture sites and infrastructures, the EMFF may support:

Amendment 134

Proposal for a regulation

Article 50 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) identification and mapping of most suitable areas for developing aquaculture, and where applicable, taking into account maritime spatial planning processes;

Amendment

(a) identification and mapping of most suitable areas for developing aquaculture *minimising the impact on biodiversity and ecosystem integrity in full compliance with Union environmental legislation*, and where applicable, taking into account maritime spatial planning processes;

Amendment 135

Proposal for a regulation

Article 50 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) improvement of infrastructures of aquaculture areas including through *land consolidation*, energy supply or water management;

Amendment

(b) improvement of infrastructures of aquaculture areas including through energy supply or water management;

Amendment 136

Proposal for a regulation
Article 50 – paragraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) action taken and implemented by competent authorities under *of Article 9(1)* of Directive 2009/147/EC or *Article 16(1) of* Directive 92/43/EC with the aim of preventing serious damages to aquaculture.

Amendment

(c) *non-lethal* action taken and implemented by competent authorities *aiming at mitigating conflicts with wild species protected* under Directive 2009/147/EC or Directive 92/43/EC with the aim of preventing serious damages to aquaculture.

Amendment 137

Proposal for a regulation
Article 51 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. In order to foster entrepreneurship in aquaculture, the EMFF may support the setting up of aquaculture enterprises by new starting farmers.

Amendment

1. In order to foster entrepreneurship in aquaculture, the EMFF may support the setting up of *sustainable* aquaculture enterprises by new *small* starting farmers.

Amendment 138

Proposal for a regulation
Article 51 – paragraph 2 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) submit *a* business plan for the development of their aquaculture activities.

Amendment

(c) submit *an economically credible* business plan for the development of their aquaculture activities.

Amendment 139

Proposal for a regulation
Article 51 – paragraph 2 – point c a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ca) have a plan for the enterprise's operation that is considered ecologically

*sustainable in accordance with
Regulation (EC) No 834/2007.*

Amendment 140

Proposal for a regulation Article 52 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) allowing for a substantial reduction of impact of aquaculture enterprises on water, in particular through reducing the amount of ***water used or improving the output water quality***, including through the deployment of multi-trophic aquaculture systems;

Amendment

(a) allowing for a substantial reduction of impact of aquaculture enterprises on water ***usage and quality***, in particular through reducing the amount of ***chemicals, antibiotics and other medicines***, including through the deployment of multi-trophic aquaculture systems;

Amendment 141

Proposal for a regulation Article 55 – paragraph 2 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

2. Support may only be granted where the suspension of harvesting due to contamination of molluscs is the result of the proliferation of toxin-producing plankton or the presence of plankton containing biotoxins, and when:

Amendment

2. Support may only be granted where the suspension of harvesting due to contamination of molluscs is the result of the proliferation of toxin-producing plankton or the presence of plankton containing biotoxins, ***or the proliferation of coliforms (E. coli)*** and when:

Amendment 142

Proposal for a regulation Article 56 – paragraph 1 – point c a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ca) measures necessary for aquaculture enterprises to comply with:

(i) the Recommendation concerning the welfare of farmed fish adopted by the

*Standing Committee of the European
Convention for the Protection of Animals
Kept for Farming Purposes, and*

*(ii) the Recommendations of the World
Organisation for Animal Health
concerning the welfare of farmed fish
during transport and slaughter.*

Amendment 143

Proposal for a regulation Article 57

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 57

deleted

Aquaculture stock insurance

1. In order to safeguard the income of aquaculture producers the EMFF may support the contribution to an aquaculture stock insurance which shall cover the losses due to:

- (a) natural disasters;*
- (b) adverse climatic events;*
- (c) sudden water quality changes;*
- (d) diseases in aquaculture or destruction of production facilities.*

2. The occurrence of an adverse climatic event or the outbreak of disease in aquaculture shall be formally recognised as such by the Member State concerned.

Member States may, where appropriate, establish in advance criteria on the basis of which such formal recognition shall be deemed to be granted.

3. Support shall only be granted for aquaculture stock insurance contracts which cover economic losses under paragraph 1 exceeding 30% of the average annual production of the aquaculture farmer.

Justification

An inappropriate use of public funds.

Amendment 144

Proposal for a regulation

Article 61 – paragraph 2 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) ensure that local communities **fully** exploit and benefit from the opportunities offered by maritime and coastal development.

Amendment

(b) ensure that local communities **sustainably** exploit and **fully** benefit from the opportunities offered by maritime and coastal development.

Amendment 145

Proposal for a regulation

Article 61 – paragraph 2 – point b a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ba) ensure the contribution of local communities to the implementation of ecosystem-based fisheries and aquaculture management and to limiting the impacts of fisheries and aquaculture activities on the integrity of ecosystems.

Amendment 146

Proposal for a regulation

Article 70

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 70

deleted

Storage aid

1. The EMFF may support compensation to recognised producer organisations and associations of producers organisations which store fishery products listed in Annex II of Regulation No. [on the

common organisation of the market in fishery and aquaculture products], provided that the products are stored in conformity with Articles 35 and 36 of Regulation No ...[on the common organisation of the markets in fishery and aquaculture products]:

(a) the amount of the storage aid shall not exceed the amount of the technical and financial costs of the actions required for the stabilisation and storage of the products in question;

(b) the quantities eligible for storage aid shall not exceed 15 % of the annual quantities of the products concerned put up for sale by the producer organisation;

(c) the financial assistance per year shall not exceed the following percentages of the average annual value of the marketed production at first sale of the members of producer organisation in the period 2009-2011. In the case that members of producer organisation did not have any marketed production in 2009-2011, the average annual value of marketed production in the first three years of production of such member shall be taken into account:

– 1 % in 2014

– 0,8 % in 2015

– 0,6 % in 2016

– 0,4 % in 2017

– 0,2 % in 2018

2. By 2019 support referred to in paragraph 1 shall be phased out.

3. The support shall only be granted once the products are released for human consumption.

4. Member States shall fix the amount of the technical and financial costs applicable in their territories as follows:

(a) technical costs shall be calculated each year on the basis of direct costs

relating to the actions required for stabilisation and storage;

(b) financial costs shall be calculated each year using the interest rate set annually in each Member State;

(c) technical and financial costs shall be made publicly available.

5. Member States shall carry out controls to ensure that the products benefiting from storage aid fulfil the conditions laid down in this Article. For the purposes of these inspection arrangements, beneficiaries of storage aid shall keep stock records for each category of products entered into storage and later reintroduced onto the market for human consumption.

Amendment 147

Proposal for a regulation

Article 71 – paragraph 1 – point a – point i

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(i) *surplus or* underexploited species;

(i) underexploited species;

Amendment 148

Proposal for a regulation

Article 71 – paragraph 1 – point f

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(f) conducting regional, national or transnational promotional campaigns for fishery and aquaculture products.

(f) conducting regional, national or transnational promotional campaigns for fishery and aquaculture products *that, in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 834/2007, are considered organic or to have a low environmental impact.*

Amendment 149

Proposal for a regulation
Article 71 – paragraph 1 – point fa (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(fa) promoting, by means of regional or national campaigns by public bodies, fisheries and aquaculture products as healthy sources of animal protein.

Amendment 150

Proposal for a regulation
Article 72 – paragraph 1 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(d) for the processing of *organic* aquaculture products *as regulated in Article 6 and 7 of Council Regulation(EC) No 834/2007.*

(d) for the processing of *sustainable* aquaculture products.

Amendment 151

Proposal for a regulation
Article 72 – paragraph 1 – point d a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(da) contributing to improved working conditions;

Amendment 152

Proposal for a regulation
Article 72 – paragraph 1 – point d b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(db) improving and monitoring public health and hygiene conditions or product quality;

Amendment 153

Proposal for a regulation
Article 72 – paragraph 1 – point d c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(dc) producing new products, applying new technologies, or developing innovative production methods.

Amendment 154

Proposal for a regulation
Article 74 – point b a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ba) any other support that the beneficiary is receiving or has received for his activity.

Amendment 155

Proposal for a regulation
Article 79 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1. The EMFF shall support the collection and management and use of primary biological, technical, environmental and socioeconomic data as in the multiannual Union programme referred to in Article 37(5) of the [Regulation on the Common Fisheries Policy].

1. The EMFF shall support the collection and management and use of primary biological, technical, environmental and socioeconomic data ***necessary for sustainable ecosystem-based fisheries and aquaculture management, including data required to restore and maintain populations of harvested species above levels which can produce the MSY by 2015 and to achieve and maintain a good environmental status by 2020 as required by Directive 2008/56/EC***, as in the multiannual Union programme referred to in Article 37(5) of the [Regulation on the Common Fisheries Policy].

Amendment 156

Proposal for a regulation
Article 79 – paragraph 2 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) the management and use of data for the purpose of scientific analysis and CFP implementation;

Amendment

(a) the **collection**, management and use of data for the purpose of scientific analysis and CFP implementation;

Amendment 157

Proposal for a regulation
Article 79 – paragraph 2 – point e a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ea) improvement of data collection and data management systems and implementation of pilot studies with the objective to improve the existing data collection and data management systems.

Amendment 158

Proposal for a regulation
Article 81 – point a – point iv

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(iv) promoting the exchange of best practices and dialogue at international level, including bilateral dialogue with third countries without prejudice to other agreements or arrangements which may exist between the EU and the third countries concerned;

(iv) promoting the exchange of best practices and dialogue at international level, including bilateral dialogue with third countries, ***taking into account the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) and the relevant existing international conventions based on UNCLOS***, without prejudice to other agreements or arrangements which may exist between the EU and the third countries concerned; ***such dialogue shall include, as appropriate, effective discussion on the ratification and the implementation of UNCLOS;***

Amendment 159

Proposal for a regulation
Article 81 – point b – point iii

Text proposed by the Commission

(iii) the progressive development of a comprehensive and publicly accessible high quality marine knowledge base which **shall facilitate** sharing, re-use and dissemination of these data and knowledge among various user groups.

Amendment

(iii) the progressive development of a comprehensive and publicly accessible high quality marine knowledge base which **facilitates** sharing, re-use and dissemination of these data and knowledge among various user groups, **thus avoiding duplication of the databases; for this purpose, the best use will be made of existing Union and Member State programmes, including INSPIRE and GMES.**

Amendment 160

Proposal for a regulation
Article 81 – point b a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ba) Promote the improvement of cooperation between Member States mainly by exchanging information and best practices among the various coast guard functions aiming at achieving economies of scale and benefits for the Union. Particular attention should be paid to further collaboration or integration between the different coast guard functions with the prospect of creating a European Coast Guard.

Amendment 161

Proposal for a regulation
Article 81 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) Supporting sustainable economic growth, employment, innovation and new technologies within emerging and prospective maritime sectors in coastal

Amendment

(c) Supporting sustainable economic growth, employment, innovation and new technologies within emerging and prospective maritime sectors **and** in

regions, in complementarity with established sectoral and national activities.

coastal, *insular and outermost* regions *in the Union*, in complementarity with established sectoral and national activities.

Amendment 162

Proposal for a regulation Article 81 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

(d) promoting the protection of the marine environment, in particular its biodiversity and marine protected areas such as Natura 2000 sites, and the sustainable use of marine and coastal resources *and to further define the boundaries of the sustainability of human activities that have an impact on the marine environment, in particular in the framework of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive.*

Amendment

(d) promoting the protection of the marine environment, in particular its biodiversity and marine protected areas such as Natura 2000 sites, and the sustainable use of marine and coastal resources *by applying an ecosystem-based approach to the management of human activities, in line with the goal of achieving or maintaining a good environmental status as required by the Marine Strategy Framework Directive.*

In order to reach this specific objective, the EMFF may support in particular:

(i) action to prevent and reduce discharges into the marine environment, including waste at sea, with a view to reducing pollution;

(ii) action to mitigate the effects of climate change on the marine, coastal and island environment and to facilitate adaptation to these changes, with particular attention in this respect to the most vulnerable areas;

Amendment 163

Proposal for a regulation Article 82 – paragraph 2 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

2. In order to achieve the specific objective of developing cross-sectoral operations set

Amendment

2. In order to achieve the specific objective of developing *cross-border and* cross-

out in Article 81 b), the EMFF may support:

sectoral operations set out in Article 81 b) **and ba**), the EMFF may support:

Amendment 164

Proposal for a regulation

Article 82 – paragraph 2 – point a a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(aa) concentrated and coordinated actions and initiatives for the EU Member States;

Amendment 165

Proposal for a regulation

Article 84 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 84 a

Conservation measures

In order to ensure efficient implementation of conservation measures under Articles 17 and 21 of the [Regulation on Common Fisheries Policy] the EMFF may support initiatives undertaken by Member States to cooperate and implement common measures to achieve objectives and targets agreed under multiannual plans established pursuant to Articles 9, 10 and 11 of the [Regulation on Common Fisheries Policy];

Amendment 166

Proposal for a regulation

Article 86 – paragraph 2 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a) joint purchase by several Member States belonging to the same geographical

(a) joint purchase by several Member States belonging to the same geographical

area, of patrol vessels, aircrafts and helicopters, provided they are used at least **60%** of the time for fisheries control;

area, of patrol vessels, aircrafts and helicopters, provided they are used at least **75%** of the time for fisheries control;

Amendment 167

Proposal for a regulation

Article 94 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

*The minimum EMFF contribution rate shall be 20%. **deleted***

Justification

Technical error in proposal, to be deleted.

Amendment 168

Proposal for a regulation

Article 94 – paragraph 3 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

*(a) 100 % of the eligible public expenditure for the support under storage aid referred to in Article 70; **deleted***

Amendment 169

Proposal for a regulation

Article 94 – paragraph 3 – point e

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

*(e) 65 % of the eligible expenditure for the support referred to in Article 79. **(e) 75 % of the eligible expenditure for the support referred to in Article 79.***

Justification

The co-financing rate enabling data collection must be increased to encourage collection of comprehensive, good-quality information on fishing.

Amendment 170

Proposal for a regulation Article 95 – paragraph 2 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(b) the operation is related to the storage aid referred to in Article 70;

deleted

Amendment 171

Proposal for a regulation Article 95 – paragraph 3 – point d a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(da) the project aims to promote organically sustainable activity in accordance with the definition in Regulation (EC) No 834/2007.

Amendment 172

Proposal for a regulation Article 96 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1. In addition to the general rules of Article 72 of [Regulation (EU) No [...] laying down Common Provisions], and following the Commission decision approving the operational programme, an initial pre-financing amount for the whole programming period shall be paid by the Commission. This shall represent **4%** of the contribution from the Union budget to the operational programme concerned. It may be split into two instalments depending on budget availability.

1. In addition to the general rules of Article 72 of [Regulation (EU) No [...] laying down Common Provisions], and following the Commission decision approving the operational programme, an initial pre-financing amount for the whole programming period shall be paid by the Commission. This shall represent **7%** of the contribution from the Union budget to the operational programme concerned. It may be split into two instalments depending on budget availability.

Amendment 173

Proposal for a regulation
Article 105 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The beneficiary shall continue to comply with the admissibility conditions referred to in Article 12(1), after submitting the application and during the whole period of implementation of the operation and, **for certain types of operation**, also for an identified period of time after the last payment.

Amendment

1. The beneficiary shall continue to comply with the admissibility conditions referred to in Article 12(1), after submitting the application and during the whole period of implementation of the operation and, also for an identified period of time after the last payment.

Justification

To strengthen the conditions and compliance

Amendment 174

Proposal for a regulation
Article 105 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

The Commission shall exercise the empowerment in full respect of the principle of proportionality and taking into account the risk that the non-compliance with the respective CFP rules constitutes a serious threats to the sustainable exploitation of living marine biological resources that restores and maintains populations of harvested species above levels which can produce the MSY, the sustainability of the stocks concerned or the conservation of the marine environment.

Amendment

The Commission shall exercise the empowerment in full respect of the principle of proportionality and taking into account the risk that the non-compliance with the respective CFP rules constitutes a serious threats to the sustainable exploitation of living marine biological resources that restores and maintains populations of harvested species above levels which can produce the MSY **by 2015**, the sustainability of the stocks concerned, ***the achievement and maintenance of good environmental status by 2020*** or the conservation of the marine environment, ***based on the precautionary approach and an ecosystem-based approach to fisheries management***.

Amendment 175

Proposal for a regulation
Article 117 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. For the cases of financial corrections applied on expenditure directly linked to the non-compliance with Article 105, the Member States shall decide the amount of a correction taking into account the gravity of the non compliance by the beneficiary with CFP rules, the economic advantage derived from the non-compliance with CFP rules or the importance of the EMFF contribution to the economic activity of the beneficiary.

Amendment

3. For the cases of financial corrections applied on expenditure directly linked to the non-compliance with Article 105, the Member States shall decide the amount of a correction taking into account the gravity of the non compliance by the beneficiary with CFP rules, the ***gravity of the damage to the ecosystem, fish stocks or the marine environment***, the economic advantage derived from the non-compliance with CFP rules or the importance of the EMFF contribution to the economic activity of the beneficiary.

Amendment 176

Proposal for a regulation
Article 119 – paragraph 1 – point a a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(aa) the Member State has failed to submit the required reports on fleet capacity and its relationship with the available resources required under [Regulation on the Common Fisheries Policy]

Amendment 177

Proposal for a regulation
Article 128 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. For the cases under paragraph 1(b) in case of non compliance with Article 105, and paragraph 1(d), the Commission shall base its financial corrections only on the expenditure directly linked to the non-compliance with CFP rules. The

Amendment

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Commission shall decide the amount of a correction taking into account the gravity of the ***damage to the ecosystem, fish stocks or the marine environment, the gravity of the*** non compliance by the Member State or the beneficiary with CFP rules, the economic advantage derived from the non-compliance with CFP rules or the importance of the EMFF contribution to the economic activity of the beneficiary.

Amendment 178

Proposal for a regulation Article 143 – paragraph 4 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

4a. With regards to access to environmental information, Directive 2003/4/EC and Regulations 1049/2001/EC and 1367/2006/EC shall apply.

Amendment 179

Proposal for a regulation Annex III – table 2 – row 3

Text proposed by the Commission

<p>EMFF Priority: 6 Fostering the implementation of the CFP</p> <p>TO 6: protecting the environment and promoting resource efficiency</p>	<p>Proven administrative capacity to comply with the data requirements for fisheries management set out in Article 37 of the [Regulation on the CFP]</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Proven administrative capacity to prepare and apply a multi-annual programme for data collection, to be reviewed by STECF and accepted by the Commission – Proven administrative capacity to prepare and implement an annual work plan for data collection, to be reviewed by STECF and accepted by the Commission – Sufficient capacity in human resources allocation to undertake bilateral or multilateral agreements with other MS if work
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Amendment

<p>EMFF Priority: 6 Fostering the implementation of the CFP</p> <p>TO 6: protecting the environment and promoting resource efficiency</p>	<p>Proven administrative capacity to comply with the data requirements for fisheries management set out in Article 37 of the [Regulation on the CFP]</p> <p><i>Assessment of the balance between fishing capacity and fishing opportunities:</i></p> <p><i>Proven that specific analysis of the balance between fishing capacity and fishing opportunity has been carried out for the effective implementation of fleet management measures</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Proven administrative capacity to prepare and apply a multi-annual programme for data collection, to be reviewed by STECF and accepted by the Commission – Proven administrative capacity to prepare and implement an annual work plan for data collection, to be reviewed by STECF and accepted by the Commission – Sufficient capacity in human resources allocation to undertake bilateral or multilateral agreements with other MS if work to implement the data collection obligations is shared – <i>Proven administrative capacity to prepare and implement fleet capacity assessments;</i> – <i>Adequate reporting on efforts to establish a balance between fishing capacity and fishing opportunities as requested by Article 34 and Article 37 of the [Regulation on the Common Fisheries Policy].</i>
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Justification

The proposal should make funding for fleets, vessels and gears conditional upon adequate assessment of fishing capacity in relation to available fishing opportunities. Several Member States fail to comply with the legal requirement to report on their efforts to balance fleet capacity in relation to fishing opportunities. Fleet assessments should be made as minimum basis to avoid unintended consequences and to spend modernisation aid in a more targeted manner.

PROCEDURE

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