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Subject: 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
- Outcome of the European Parliament's plenary proceeding (Strasbourg, 21 to 24 October 2013)

I. INTRODUCTION

The Rapporteur, Mr Alain CADEC (EPP - FR), presented a report consisting of 570 amendments (amendments 1-570) on behalf of the Committee on Fisheries. In addition:

- the ALDE and Greens/EFA political groups jointly tabled nine amendments (amendments 571-572 and 576-582);
- the ALDE political group tabled three amendments (amendments 573-575);
- the EPP political group tabled ten amendments (amendments 583-592);
- the EUL/NGL political group tabled sixteen amendments (amendments 593-608);

- the Greens/EFA political group tabled six amendments (amendments 609-614);
- the S&D political group tabled twenty amendments (amendments 615-618 and 623-638);
- the S&D and Greens/EFA political groups jointly tabled four amendments (amendments 619-622); and
- the ECR political group tabled three amendments (amendments 639-641).

II. DEBATE

The Rapporteur opened the debate, which took place on 22 October 2013, and:

- stressed the important role of the Fund in fisheries conservation;
- noted that some NGOs had engaged in intense lobbying over certain proposals. Much false information had circulated regarding amendment 587 (on fleet renewal and capacity reduction);
- referred to what he described as the 'inadmissible interference' of the European Commission, which had taken it upon itself to make telephone calls to MEPs. He stated that the role of the Commission is to initiate legislate, but under no circumstances to intervene directly in the parliamentary process or to busy itself in influencing MEPs' positions. The Commission proposes but, whether the Commission likes it or not, it is the Parliament and the Council which decide. The Commission's methods are unacceptable for the people's elected representatives. The Commission is not obliged to support certain proposals, but should not deploy a whole battalion of officials from DG MARE to contact deputies on an individual basis in order to urge them to vote against certain amendments. If the Commission were to devote the cost of its telephone calls towards fishing fleet renewal, this might have some benefit;
- stated that amendment 587 would renew fishing vessels which are more than 35 years old, provided that the replacement vessel's capacity and power were 40% lower than the vessel being replaced. Only vessels less than 12 metres in length are concerned. The amendment would only apply to fleets where there is already over-capacity. It would therefore be the only capacity-reducing measure in the whole CFP reform package;
- stated that amendment 586 would limit at 10% of the Fund the aid which would be given for fleet renewal and engine replacement. This is a concrete and reasonable measure to reduce over-capacity and over-fishing. Whilst some resort to chanting mantras, his amendment would really promote sustainable fishing;

- recalled that imports constitute 80% of EU fish consumption. He warned against so reducing fishing activity in Europe that the EU became totally dependent on imports from third countries;
- stated that those who oppose his proposal on capacity renewal have no alternative to propose;
- stated that CFP reform must be based on better controls and reinforced data collection;
- noted that the new CFP contains an obligation to land all fish that have been caught. The Fund must therefore help to limit rejections. Particular emphasis must be placed on the selectivity of fishing machinery;
- stressed the need to help fishermen and ports carry out the refurbishments needed for storing and treating possible undesired catches. The EU's duty is to provide financial and other support for the implementation of a zero-discard approach;
- supported the amendments to introduce biological rest-periods and temporary stops. These are the key to sustainable fishing; and
- concluded by expressing to the Commissioner his disappointment regarding the Fish Love exhibition held in Brussels two days earlier. Did she really believe that exhibiting celebrities posing naked with fish would help in the struggle against over-fishing?

Commissioner DAMANAKI:

- welcomed the Parliament's support for CFP reform. It is now up to the Parliament to provide the funding for this reform;
- stressed the need to spend taxpayers' money as wisely as possible, particularly given that €1 billion *per annum* are at stake;
- welcomed the Committee's support for measures to improve European control and inspection systems, for measures on data collection, and for the possibility of interrupting or suspending payments in the event that a Member State does not comply with the rules of the CFP;
- called for the strengthening of some elements, for example by providing for minimum amounts of money for data collection, control and enforcement;
- very much welcomed some of the amendments and ideas in the Rapporteur's report, for example the amendment on support for young fishermen, which was a common position of the Council and the Commission;

- argued that some amendments would be retrogressive - for example, the use of taxpayer money to construct new fishing vessels. The EU institutions decided ten years ago to avoid that practice. It makes no sense to try to reintroduce vessel construction support. It would hurt both fishermen and fish stocks. It would go against the basic principles of the CFP reform which the Parliament supported just a few months earlier. Vessel construction would inevitably increase fishing capacity, because new fishing vessels can fish more even if their engines are less powerful. Funds allocated to vessel construction would not be available for other more important objectives, such as gear selectivity, training for fishermen or grants to young fishermen to help them enter the profession. It therefore makes no sense to spend EU money to build up to 2,000 new vessels which could each cost as much as €3,000,000;
- stressed the Commission's respect for the Parliament and its need for an informed Parliament. She wished that she had been able to talk to all MEPs about this proposal, because it is her responsibility to draw their attention to the consequences of the adoption of the amendment in question; and
- advised that, if the Parliament adopts amendments for some other measures such as scrapping or temporary cessation, such measures should be financially capped.

Speaking on behalf of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs, Mrs Verónica LOPE FONTAGNÉ (EPP - ES):

- stressed the need for the Fund to have a social dimension;
- emphasised the importance of small-scale fishing for maritime regions;
- stressed the role and needs of fishermen's spouses;
- noted that the rate of accidents in the fisheries sector is 2.4 times the average. Health and safety measures are therefore crucial; and
- stressed the importance of training, not only to promote fishing skills but also to support diversification away from dependence on fishing.

Speaking on behalf of the EPP political group, Mr Gabriel MATO ADROVER (EPP - ES):

- stated that it is clear that the Fund should cover the objectives already set in the CFP reform;
- stressed the need for aid to support transition;
- called for support for a zero-discard policy. Maximum Sustainable Yields should be taken into account;
- stressed the need to freeze fleet capacity, if only temporarily; and
- emphasised the importance of the fish-processing and commercialisation sector. This is a major source of employment, but is not sufficiently recognised by the Fund.

Speaking on behalf of the S&D political group, Mr Guido MILANA:

- stated that European voters would simply not understand a decision by the Parliament to fund the construction of new fishing vessels - whilst at the same time funding the decommissioning of old vessels;
- stressed the need to help young people; and
- expressed his regret that the Commissioner had not telephoned him to discuss the proposal.

Speaking on behalf of the ALDE political group, Mr Nils TORVALDS (ALDE - FI) argued that it would be wrong for most of the subsidies to go to larger companies.

Speaking on behalf of the Greens/EFA political group, Mr Raül ROMEVA i RUEDA (Greens/EFA - ES):

- stressed the need to ensure that funds should not be used to support illegal activity;
- argued against using the Fund to renew fishing capacity or to fund over-capacity; and
- stressed the need for proper monitoring and proper scientific data. Funding should be provided to ensure this.

Speaking on behalf of the ECR political group, Mrs Julie GIRLING (ECR - UK):

- noted the general opinion that the recent CFP reform has been a great success. The current proposal on the EMFF is an opportunity to consolidate this achievement, by supporting the discard ban, by supporting plans for Maximum Sustainable Yields, and by providing money for gear change and selective gear, for data collection and for control and enforcement;

- argued that the Committee's report introduces unnecessary complication and obfuscation, for example with regard to engines. The Commission proposal did not address engine upgrading or replacement. Indeed, both were explicitly made ineligible for EMFF funding. The Rapporteur had therefore changed the language so that talk of engines had been replaced with talk of energy efficiency and modernisation. This is euphemistic language calculated to obscure the real intent. Such euphemisms should be rejected. The Parliament should reject construction, engine replacement, temporary and permanent cessation, and mutual funds. No compromise is possible on such black-and-white issues; and
- stated that voters would not understand if the Parliament were to reintroduce aid for construction, which was abolished in 2002 as being unsustainable.

Speaking on behalf of the EUL/NGL political group, Mr João FERREIRA (EUL/NGL - PT):

- expressed his support for:
 - funding for temporary suspension during biological rest-periods;
 - the increase from 50% to 80% of EU co-financing for the collection of biological data; and
 - positive discrimination for small-scale fishing and for access to finance.
- expressed his opposition to:
 - the proposed restrictive definition of small-scale fishing; and
 - the prohibition of the use of the EMFF to fund the construction of haven ports.

Speaking on behalf of the EFD political group, Mr John AGNEW (EFD – UK):

- stated that British taxpayers' money should not be used via EU funding to help Spanish fishermen to fish in British waters; and
- expressed his total opposition to the idea of a European coastguard.

Mr Werner KUHN (EPP - DE)

- stressed the need to focus support on young and small-scale fishermen; and
- emphasised the importance of funding the construction of new fishing vessels. In the Commissioner's home country of Greece, for example, many vessels are 50 or 60 years old, fuel-inefficient and highly polluting. The amendment would limit funding to vessels of 12 metres or less and set an investment cap of 15%. There is therefore no question of funding the construction of vessels that might cost as much as €3,000,000. The cap would be set at €80,000. Untruths are being circulated. Fishermen are being criminalised - especially small-scale fishermen.

Mrs Ulrike RODUST (S&D - DE):

- opposed the use of funding to support the construction of new vessels; and
- criticised the Rapporteur for implying that the Commissioner had been inappropriately lobbying against him.

Mr Pat the Cope GALLAGHER (ALDE - IE):

- welcomed the amendments supporting producer organisations in the development of production and marketing plans. Producer organisations are the cornerstone of the new CFP and will be responsible for managing the obligation to land all discards;
- called for support for his amendments to provide new funding for small ports which have been affected by declining fish landings in order to allow those ports to develop alternative water-based activities;
- supported the establishment of decommissioning schemes to reduce capacity and to return fleets to profitability - but only provided that these schemes are targeted;
- called for the removal of restrictions of funding for aquaculture in Natura 2000 sites;
- supported an increase in funding for data collection; and
- stated that all stakeholders should be included on the advisory councils.

Mrs Isabella LÖVIN (Greens/EFA - SE) stated that taxpayer money should be used in the general European interest. It should not be used to fund new vessel construction and engine changes.

Mr Marek GRÓBARCZYK (ECR - PL):

- stressed the employment potential of the fisheries sector, particular for young people; and
- called for the replacement of older fishing vessels in order to improve working conditions.

Mrs Carmen FRAGA ESTÉVEZ (EPP - ES) called for funding to support the scrapping of fishing vessels.

Mr Göran FÄRM (S&D - SE) stated that the allocation of funds to support the construction of new fishing vessels would completely contradict the spirit of the new CFP reform.

Mr Jarosław WAŁĘSA (EPP - PL) called for funding in support of the aquacultural sector.

Mr Christofer FJELLNER (EPP - SE):

- stressed the need to promote the competitiveness and profitability of the fisheries sector, with a view to phasing out subsidies in the longer term; and
- opposed any funding for the construction of new fishing vessels.

Commissioner DAMANAKI once more took the floor and:

- welcomed the general consensus on the need to increase funding for the collection of scientific data on sustainable fisheries, controls, new gears, a new environmental approach to the preservation of stocks and training for young fishermen. She further noted the great support for allocating funds to remote areas such as the Black Sea, to the remotest regions and to aquaculture. It is important to promote sustainable aquaculture that is environmentally friendly and does not undermine the living conditions of the coastal regions;
- welcomed the general consensus on promoting local and small-scale fisheries. That is the reason for retaining the current definition of small-scale vessels. At present, 80% of vessels fall within this definition. Any dilution of this definition would make no sense, because the available funds are limited and must be distributed in the best way possible; and

- noted the difference of opinion regarding new vessel construction. The Commission would respect the Parliament, whichever way it voted. The Commission would nevertheless maintain its own proposal and position in trilogues, because it sees a contradiction with the new measures for temporary scrapping and temporary cessation.

The Rapporteur once more took the floor and asked where the Commissioner had obtained her figure of €3,000,000 per vessel. This figure is totally surreal, given that the ceiling per vessel is €80,000 and that the whole renewal of €6,000,000 is limited to 10% of the EMFF.

III. VOTE

When it voted on 23 October 2013, the Parliament voted to adopt 585 amendments to the Commission's proposal (amendments 1-57, 59-67, 69-98, 100-125, 127-140, 142-178, 180-182, 184-188, 190-192, 198-202, 204-264, 266-274, 276, 278-281, 283-289, 291-301, 303-306, 308-315, 317-321, 323-334, 336-338, 340-393, 395-555, 557-571, 574-583, 589, 603-604, 610-612, 614, 616, 618-638 and 640-641). It then postponed the vote on the legislative resolution to a later session (pending approval of the Multiannual Financial Framework) - thereby not bringing the Parliament's first reading to a close.

The adopted amendments are set out in the Annex.

European Maritime and Fisheries Fund ***I

1. Amendments adopted by the European Parliament on 23 October 2013 on the amended 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(2013)0245 – C7-0108/2013 – 2011/0380(COD))¹

(Ordinary legislative procedure: first reading)

Amendment 1

Draft legislative resolution
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Ia. Recalls that, in its resolution of 8 June 2011, Parliament stressed that fisheries resources constitute a public good vital for global food security; it pointed to the fact that the fisheries and aquaculture sector and related activities are often the main source of livelihood and sustainable employment in coastal, island and remote regions; it furthermore considered that, in order to achieve its medium and long-term goals (stable, sustainable and viable fisheries sector), to recover its fish stocks and to tackle the social aspects linked to the reduction of fishing effort, the reformed Common Fisheries Policy (CFP) will need adequate financial resources after 2013;

¹ *Texts adopted, P7_TA(2011)0266.*

Amendment 2

Proposal for a regulation
Citation 1

¹ The matter was referred back to the committee responsible for reconsideration pursuant to Rule 57(2), second subparagraph (A7-0282/2013).

Text proposed by the Commission

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 42, Article 43(2), Article 91(1), Article 100(2), Article 173(3), Article 175, Article 188, Article 192(1), Article 194(2) **and** Article 195(2) thereof,

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Amendment 3

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(1a) The fisheries sector is of strategic importance for the socio-economic situation, for the public supply of fish and for the food balance of the different Member States and of the Union, as well as its considerable contribution to the socio-economic well-being of coastal communities, to local development, to employment, to the maintenance/creation of economic activities and of jobs both upstream and downstream, to the supply of fresh fish and to the maintenance of local cultural traditions;

Amendment 4

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(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

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Amendment 5

Proposal for a regulation Recital 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(2a) It should be stressed that the CFP is a food-related policy, justifying public intervention through the EMFF in order to maintain the food security of citizens of the Union.

Amendment 6

Proposal for a regulation Recital 2 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(2b) The EMFF should take full account of the specific situation of the outermost regions pursuant to Article 349 TFEU. The situation of the outermost regions and the specific nature of the fisheries sector in them means that the CFP and the associated funds, in particular the EMFF, should be adapted to the specific features, constraints, additional costs and realities of those regions, which profoundly differ from the rest of the Union. To that end, specific measures should be authorised for these regions.

Amendment 7

Proposal for a regulation Recital 2 c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(2c) The future EMFF should make full allowance for the problems and specific needs of small scale fisheries, bearing in mind that, in the Union, the small scale

fleet is the one which employs the greatest number of people per fish caught.

Amendment 8

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.

Amendment

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Amendment 9

Proposal for a regulation Recital 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(3a) In order to foster in fishermen a sense of ownership of the CFP, thereby contributing to the correct implementation and the overall success of the CFP, the EMFF should support partnership, cooperation and dialogue between scientists and fishermen.

Amendment 10

Proposal for a regulation Recital 4

Text proposed by the Commission

(4) The scope of the EMFF should cover the support to the IMP which extends to the development and implementation of coordinated operations and decision-making in relation to the oceans, seas, coastal regions and maritime sectors complementing the different EU policies that touch upon them, notably the Common Fisheries Policies, transport, industry, territorial cohesion, environment, energy

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and tourism. Coherence and integration should be ensured in the management of different sectoral policies within the Baltic Sea, North Sea, Celtic Seas, Bay of Biscay and the Iberian Coast, Mediterranean and Black Sea sea basins.

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Amendment 11

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 4 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(4a) When defining and implementing the policies and actions relating to the reform of the CFP, IMP and EMFF, the Union should take into account requirements linked to the promotion of a high level of employment, a guarantee of adequate social protection, the fight against social exclusion and a high level of education, training and protection of human health, in accordance with Article 9 TFEU.

Amendment 12

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 5

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(5) In line with the conclusions of the European Council of 17 June 2010, whereby the Europe 2020 Strategy was adopted, the Union and Member States should implement the delivery of smart, sustainable and inclusive growth, while promoting harmonious development of the Union. In particular, resources should be concentrated to meet the Europe 2020 objectives and targets and effectiveness should be improved by an increased focus on results. The inclusion of the IMP in the new EMFF also contribute to the major policy objectives set out in the Communication from the Commission of 3 March 2010 ‘Europe 2020 – A strategy for

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Amendment 13

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.

Amendment

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Amendment 14

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 7 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(7a) The EMFF should contribute to improving the standards of living of those who depend on fishing, guaranteeing better working standards for fishermen, in particular through ensuring compliance with legislation on health and safety in the workplace and with the provisions of collective labour agreements.

Amendment 15

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 7 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(7b) In order to avoid confusion about the application and impact of specific financial measures of the EMFF on the various stakeholders who participate in the fishing sector, it is useful to introduce a clear distinction between ship owners and wage-earning fishermen, as has already been set forth in ILO Convention No 188.

Amendment 16

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 8

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(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.

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Amendment 17

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 9

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

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maintains fish stocks at levels which can produce the maximum sustainable yield, **not later than 2015**. The CFP **should** 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)

maintains fish stocks at levels which can produce the maximum sustainable yield **by 2015, where possible, and in any event by 2020**. The CFP **should** implement a **balanced approach to sustainable development, which it should achieve through fisheries planning, exploitation and management which takes into account aspirations and current social needs, without undermining the advantages that future generations should be able to derive from all the goods and services arising from marine eco-systems**. 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 18

Proposal for a regulation Recital 9 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(9a) The measures financed through the EMFF should comply with Articles 39 and 41 TFEU, which refer to a balanced approach in the use of labour law and effective coordination as regards vocational training.

Amendment 19

Proposal for a regulation Recital 10

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(10) Since the objectives of this Regulation cannot be sufficiently achieved by the Member States given the scale and effects of the operations to be financed under the operational programmes and the structural problems encountered in the development of the fisheries and maritime sectors as well as the limited financial resources of

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Amendment 20

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 11

Text proposed by the Commission

(11) The financing of the Common Fisheries Policy and Maritime Integrated Policy expenditure through a single fund, the EMFF, should address the need for simplification as well as strengthening the integration of both policies. The extension of shared management to Common Markets Organisations including the compensation for the outermost regions, control and data collection activities should further contribute to simplification and reduce the administrative burden both for the Commission and the Member States as well as achieve greater coherence and efficiency of the support granted.

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Amendment 21

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 11 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(11a) The financing should be as defined in point 17 of the Interinstitutional Agreement of XX/201z between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on cooperation in budgetary matters and sound financial

management.

Amendment 22

Proposal for a regulation Recital 11 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(11b) Any financing should be without prejudice to the provisions of the Regulation laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2014–2020 and the Interinstitutional Agreement of xxx/201z between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on cooperation in budgetary matters and sound financial management.

Amendment 23

Proposal for a regulation Recital 12

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(12) The Union budget should finance the Common Fisheries Policy and the Integrated Maritime Policy expenditure through a single fund, the EFMF, either directly or in the context of shared management with the Member States. Shared management with the Member States should apply not only to measures to support fisheries, aquaculture and community-led local development but also to **Common Markets Organisations** and the compensation for the outermost regions, control and data collection activities. Direct management should apply to scientific advice, voluntary contributions to Regional Fisheries Management Organisations, advisory councils and operations for the implementation of an Integrated Maritime Policy. The types of measures that can be financed using the EMFF should be specified.

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Amendment 24

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 14

Text proposed by the Commission

(14) According to Articles 50 and 51 of the [Regulation on the Common Fisheries Policy] (hereinafter CFP Regulation) Union financial assistance under EMFF should be made conditional upon compliance by Member States as well as by operators with the rules of the CFP. This conditionality is intended to reflect the responsibility of the Union to ensure, in public interest, conservation of marine biological resources under the CFP, as enshrined in **Article 3** of the TFEU.

Amendment

(14) According to Articles 50 and 51 of the [Regulation on the Common Fisheries Policy] (hereinafter CFP Regulation) Union financial assistance under EMFF should be made conditional upon compliance by Member States as well as by operators with the rules of the CFP. This conditionality is intended to reflect the responsibility of the Union to ensure, in **the** public interest, **the** conservation of marine biological resources under the CFP, **as well as to ensure respect for requirements linked to the promotion of a high level of employment and to guarantee of adequate social protection,** as enshrined in **Articles 3 and 9 respectively** of the TFEU.

Amendment 25

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 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

Amendment

(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 operators should **only** be admissible **on condition that**, within a particular period of time before lodging an application for aid, **they** 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 29 September 2008 establishing a Community system to prevent, deter and eliminate illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing, amending Regulation (EEC) No 2847/93,

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).

(EC) No 1936/2001 and (EC) No 601/2004 and repealing Regulations (EC) No 1093/94 and (EC) No 1447/1999, **and they were not involved in the operation, management or ownership of fishing vessels flagged to countries identified as non-cooperating third countries as referred to in Article 33 of Regulation (EC) No 1005/2008. Equally, operators should only be admissible on condition that they** have not committed a serious infringement under **Article** 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).

Amendment 26

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 17

Text proposed by the Commission

(17) The consequences laid down for the failure to fulfil the eligibility conditions should apply in case of infringements of the CFP rules by the beneficiaries. In order to determine the amount of ineligible expenditure, the gravity of the non compliance by the beneficiary with CFP

Amendment

(17) The consequences laid down for the failure to fulfil the eligibility conditions should apply in case of infringements of the CFP rules by the beneficiaries. In order to determine the amount of ineligible expenditure, the gravity (**including the extent, duration and any re-occurrence**)

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 should be taken into account.

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 should be taken into account.

Amendment 27

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 related to the public interest of conservation of marine biological resources, such as collecting data 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

(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 ***to strike a balance between the fishing fleet and the fishing opportunities in accordance with Article 34(1) of the CFP Basic Regulation or their obligations*** under the CFP rules related to the public interest of conservation of marine biological resources, such as collecting data 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 28

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 19

Text proposed by the Commission

(19) As precautionary measures, in order to prevent that non compliant payments take place as well as incentivise the Member State to comply with CFP rules or require compliance by the beneficiary, interruption of the payment deadline and suspension of payments, which are timely limited in their scope of application, should both be used. In order to respect the principle of proportionality, the financial corrections which have definite and irrevocable consequences should only apply to

Amendment

(Does not affect English version.)

expenditure directly linked to operations during which the cases of non-compliance with CFP rules have been committed.

Amendment 29

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 20

Text proposed by the Commission

(20) In order to improve coordination and harmonise implementation of the Funds providing support under the cohesion policy, namely the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), the European Social Fund (ESF) and the Cohesion Fund (CF), with the Funds for rural development, namely the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD), and for the maritime and fisheries sector, namely the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF), common provisions have been established for all these Funds (the 'CSF Funds') in the [Regulation (EU) No [...] laying down Common Provisions]. In addition to this Regulation, the EMFF contains specific provisions due to the particularities of the CFP and the IMP.

Amendment

(20) In order to improve coordination and harmonise implementation of the Funds providing support under the cohesion policy, namely the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), the European Social Fund (ESF) and the Cohesion Fund (CF), with the Funds for rural development, namely the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD), and for the maritime and fisheries sector, namely the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF), common provisions have been established for all these Funds (the 'CSF Funds') in the [Regulation (EU) No [...] laying down Common Provisions]. ***It should also be stressed that the Funds may be used in a complementary manner so that the priorities of the Union's cohesion policy and the Europe 2020 strategy can be achieved more efficiently; attention should be drawn in this connection to the need for synergy between the EMFF and the ESF in order to achieve the key objectives relating to employment and the fight against poverty and social exclusion.*** In addition to this Regulation, the EMFF contains specific provisions due to the particularities of the CFP and the IMP.

Amendment 30

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 22

Text proposed by the Commission

(22) Action by the Union should be complementary to action carried out by Member States or seek to contribute to

Amendment

(22) In order to ensure significant added value the partnership between the Commission, ***the Member State authorities***

that action. In order to ensure significant added value the partnership between the Commission *and* Member States should be strengthened through arrangements for the participation of *various types of partners* with full regard to the institutional competences of the Member States.

Particular attention should be paid to ensuring adequate representation for women and minority groups. This partnership concerns regional, local and other public authorities, as well as other appropriate bodies, including those responsible for the environment and for the promotion of equality between men and women, the economic and social partners and other competent bodies. The partners concerned should be involved in the preparation of Partnership Contracts, as well as in the preparation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of programming.

and the various types of partners should be strengthened through arrangements for the participation of *these players including the social partners concerned*, with full regard to the institutional competences of the Member States. This partnership concerns regional, local and other public authorities, as well as other appropriate bodies, including those responsible for the environment and for the promotion of equality between men and women, the economic and social partners, *the fishing industry* and other competent bodies.

Given the specific nature of the fishing sector, provision should be made to guarantee the participation of economic and social partners representing the various subsectors and territorial levels, scientific research organisations and national and regional networks of fisheries local action groups (FLAGs). *Particular attention should be paid to ensuring adequate representation for women and minority groups.* The partners concerned should be involved in the preparation of Partnership Contracts, as well as in the preparation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of programming.

Amendment 31

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.

Amendment

(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 *history of* allocations under Council Regulation (EC) No 1198/2006 and the historical consumption under Council Regulation No 861/2006.

Amendment 32

Proposal for a regulation Recital 25

Text proposed by the Commission

(25) The fulfilment of certain ex-ante conditionalities is of outmost importance in the context of the CFP, especially as regards the submission of a Multiannual National Strategy Plan on Aquaculture and proven administrative capacity to comply with the data requirements for fisheries management and to enforce with the implementation of a Union control, inspection and enforcement system.

Amendment

(25) The fulfilment of certain ex-ante conditionalities is of outmost importance in the context of the CFP, especially as regards the submission of a Multiannual National Strategy Plan on Aquaculture and proven administrative capacity to comply with the data requirements for fisheries management and to enforce with the implementation of a Union control, inspection and enforcement system; ***and to ensure the implementation of Union law on working conditions, particularly that related to safety, health, education and training.***

Amendment 33

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 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.***

Amendment

(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 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 ***and regional*** contexts, ***in particular the specific characteristics of the outermost regions,*** and complement other Union policies, ***while maintaining the current management and control system, so as not to generate additional costs or cause delays to the implementation of programmes.***

Amendment 34

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 30

Text proposed by the Commission

(30) Member States should draw up the section on data collection of the Operational Programme in line with a Multiannual Union programme; In order to adapt to the specific needs of data collection activities, Member States should elaborate annual work plan which should be adapted annually under the guidance of the Commission and which should be subject to its approval.

Amendment

(30) Member States should draw up the section on data collection of the Operational Programme in line with a Multiannual Union programme; In order to adapt to the specific needs of data collection **and management** activities, Member States should elaborate annual work plan which should be adapted annually under the guidance of the Commission and which should be subject to its approval.

Amendment 35

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 operations and **the ecologically sustainable development of businesses, in accordance with the precautionary principle and an ecosystem-based approach.**

Amendment 36

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 31 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(31a) As a consequence of the economic turbulence of recent years due to the financial crisis, many young people are experiencing difficulties in gaining the finance needed to enter the fisheries sector. EMFF support should therefore focus inter alia on helping young people gain access to the fishing sector by, for

example, by contributing to first-time business start-ups.

Amendment 37

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-operation between scientists and fishermen stimulating the dissemination of knowledge as well as for advisory services helping to improve the overall performance and competitiveness of operators.

Amendment

(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 ***vocational training (which in addition to covering technical issues should also target knowledge of sustainable fisheries management and the proper handling of fish with a view to achieving greater profitability), improved health and safety and hygiene standards at work***, lifelong learning, co-operation between scientists and fishermen stimulating the dissemination of knowledge as well as for advisory services helping to improve the overall performance and competitiveness of operators. ***In addition, it is important for the EMFF to promote generational renewal and rejuvenate the profession by creating specific mechanisms to encourage young people to enter the sector, namely by raising the status of the fishing profession through ensuring better health and safety and welfare standards on board, training and vocational training, and increased income.***

Amendment 38

Proposal for a regulation Recital 32 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(32a) The EMFF should support small scale fisheries in order to address issues that are specific to that segment, and to support local, sustainable management of the fisheries involved and the development

of coastal communities.

Amendment 39

Proposal for a regulation Recital 32 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(32b) Whereas small enterprises have difficulty accessing Community aid, the EMFF should encourage the deployment of collective projects and support technical assistance for those responsible for such projects.

Amendment 40

Proposal for a regulation Recital 32 c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(32c) The EMFF should support sustainable locally based fisheries management and the development of coastal communities.

Amendment 41

Proposal for a regulation Recital 32 d (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(32d) The EMFF should foster the involvement of small fishing operators in the small scale coastal and inland sectors in devising joint projects and should provide technical assistance to the project leaders.

Amendment 42

Proposal for a regulation Recital 33

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(33) Recognising the importance of the role that spouses of self-employed

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fishermen play in small scale coastal fishing, the EMFF should support training and networking contributing to their professional development and giving them the means to better fulfil the ancillary tasks they traditionally perform.

fishermen play in small scale coastal fishing, the EMFF should support *lifelong* training and networking contributing to their professional development and giving them the means to better fulfil the ancillary tasks they traditionally perform *or other tasks arising from the diversification of fishing activities*.

Amendment 43

Proposal for a regulation Recital 33 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(33a) The EMFF should provide support for social dialogue at European, national, regional and local level, involving the social partners and enhancing their organisational capabilities.

Amendment 44

Proposal for a regulation Recital 33 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(33b) Ancillary fishing and aquaculture activities, designated as such by the Member States – such as those that could be carried out by the net makers, bait suppliers, packers and others dealing directly with fishermen – should be eligible for support from the EMFF for developing their specific activities in order to contribute to improving the functioning of the sector.

Amendment 45

Proposal for a regulation Recital 34

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(34) Conscious of the *weak presence of small scale* coastal fishermen *in the social dialogue*, the EMFF should support

(34) Conscious of the *social and territorial importance of* coastal fishermen, the EMFF should support organisations *that*

organisations *promoting this* dialogue in the appropriate fora

promote the social dialogue *of the coastal fishing sector* in the appropriate fora

Amendment 46

Proposal for a regulation Recital 34 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(34a) Support should be given for the development and implementation of multiannual plans (Articles 9–11 of the Regulation on the CFP)

Amendment 47

Proposal for a regulation Recital 35

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(35) Conscious of the potential that diversification offers for small scale coastal fishermen and their crucial role in coastal communities, the EMFF should help diversification by covering business start-ups and investments for the retrofitting of their vessels, in addition to the relevant training to acquire professional skills in the relevant field outside fishing activities.

(35) The EMFF should help create jobs by covering business start-ups in the fisheries sector and the development of complementary activities linked to fishing activity, in addition to the relevant training to acquire adequate professional skills.

Amendment 48

Proposal for a regulation Recital 35 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(35a) In order to ensure generational renewal in the fisheries sector it is important for the EMFF to encourage young people to enter fishing, in particular through incentives for young fishermen who are acquiring a vessel for the first time.

Amendment 49

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 35 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(35b) It should be borne in mind that the International Labour Organisation (ILO) considers fishing to be a hazardous occupation by comparison with other occupations, and that various conventions and recommendations have been signed or adopted by that organisation with the aim of promoting decent working conditions for fishermen. The principles contained in such conventions and recommendations should serve as guiding principles for better use of EMFF resources.

Amendment 50

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 36

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

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

(36) In order to address health and safety needs on board, the EMFF should support investments covering safety and hygiene on board ***and improvements in the habitability of vessels.***

Amendment 51

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 37

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(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.

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Amendment 52

Proposal for a regulation Recital 37 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(37a) Recognising the importance of maritime heritage, the EMFF should support investments for the protection and preservation of maritime heritage and related traditional crafts;

Amendment 53

Proposal for a regulation Recital 38

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(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 start-ups 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.

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Amendment 54

Proposal for a regulation Recital 38 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(38a) In line with the objective of creating jobs included in the Europe 2020 strategy, the EMFF should also provide resources for facilitating the adoption of measures for creating and improving employment levels throughout the whole fishing industry, from catching and aquaculture

to processing and marketing.

Amendment 55

Proposal for a regulation Recital 38 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(38b) In order to create a sustainable future for the fishing sector, it is important for the EMFF to promote job creation in fishing communities, in particular by supporting new business start-ups and by helping young people to enter professions in the fisheries sector.

Amendment 56

Proposal for a regulation Recital 39

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(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.

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Amendment 57

Proposal for a regulation Recital 40

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(40) With overcapacity being one of the key drivers of overfishing, measures need

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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 59

Proposal for a regulation Recital 40 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(40a) Member States which do not fulfil their data collection and transmission obligations or fail to report their actual fishing fleet capacity should have their funds from the EMFF frozen or decreased.

Amendment 60

Proposal for a regulation Recital 40 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(40b) In order to guarantee that Member States respect the fishing capacity ceilings established in Annex II [to Regulation (EU) No .../... on the CFP], the Commission should be authorised to suspend all or part of the payments and commitments for the operational programmes of Member States that fail to respect their capacity ceilings, following a review conducted 3 years after the entry into force of this Regulation.

Amendment 61

Proposal for a regulation Recital 40 c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(40c) Member States which do not fulfil their data collection and transmission

obligations or fail to report their actual fishing fleet and capacity should have their funds from the EMFF frozen or decreased.

Amendment 62

Proposal for a regulation Recital 40 d (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(40d) In order to safeguard fishermen's incomes, contributions should be made from the EMFF to mutual funds that cover losses resulting from natural disasters, bad weather, environmental or health-related accidents or sharp rises in fuel prices.

Amendment 63

Proposal for a regulation Recital 41

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(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.

(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, *through a multi-annual approach to fisheries management, establishing as a priority multi-annual plans reflecting the biological specificities of different species and the special characteristics of each fishery.*

Amendment 64

Proposal for a regulation Recital 41 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(41a) It is critically important to mitigate the negative impact of climate change in

coastal and marine ecosystems. The EMFF should support investments to reduce the contribution of the fishing sector to emissions of greenhouse gases as well as projects that aim to protect and restore seagrass beds and coastal wetlands which are major carbon sinks.

Amendment 65

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 of the ***negative*** impact of fishing on the marine environment, ***support the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, promote*** more selective gears and equipment ***and support the development of more fuel-efficient vessels. The EMFF should, in particular, promote eco-innovation in connection with hulls, engines and gear,*** 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 ***and the headline targets of the Europe 2020 Strategy on climate change.***

Amendment 66

Proposal for a regulation Recital 42 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(42a) In order to contribute to the positive development of water sources and to the maintenance of fishing outside the closed season, the EMFF should be able to support biological seasons, whenever those seasons, when they occur during certain critical phases of the species' life cycle, are necessary for the sustainable exploitation of fisheries resources.

Amendment 67

Proposal for a regulation Recital 42 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(42b) In order to minimise the impact of fishing on marine ecosystems, the EMFF should support the establishment, management, monitoring and control of a coherent network of fish stock recovery areas.

Amendment 69

Proposal for a regulation Recital 43 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(43a) Recognising the risks involved in investing in fishing activities, the EMFF should contribute to business security by covering access to insurance against variables of production, thereby safeguarding the income of producers in the event 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 tools.

Amendment 70

Proposal for a regulation Recital 44

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(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.

(44) Conscious of the importance of fishing ports, ***auctions***, 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 71

Proposal for a regulation Recital 44 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(44a) With a view to promoting small scale coastal fishing, Member States should attach to their operational programmes action plans for developing such fishing and for ensuring that it is competitive and sustainable.

Amendment 72

Proposal for a regulation Recital 44 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(44b) The EMFF should support the establishment of 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 73

Proposal for a regulation Recital 44 c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(44c) Some EMFF provisions need to be adjusted in order to meet the needs of outermost regions while continuing to pursue the core objective of ensuring that fishing and aquaculture are sustainable and responsible. The EMFF should, in particular, take account of the fact that some of those regions are lagging behind in terms of resource assessment, infrastructure, organisation of the industry and monitoring of activity and production. The EMFF should therefore be used to modernise the sector, especially its infrastructure, and to renew and

modernise its production resources, having due regard for the specific circumstances in outermost region sea basins and resource availability.

Amendment 74

Proposal for a regulation Recital 45

Text proposed by the Commission

(45) It is vital for the Union that a sustainable balance be achieved between fresh water resources and their exploitation; *therefore* having due regard to environmental impact while ensuring that these sectors retain economic viability, appropriate provisions should support inland fishing.

Amendment

(45) It is vital for the Union that a sustainable balance be achieved between fresh water resources and their exploitation, *in view of the fact that river basins, estuaries and coastal lagoons are privileged breeding habitats and act as hatcheries for many species of juvenile fish*, having due regard to environmental impact while ensuring that these sectors retain economic viability, appropriate provisions should support inland fishing.

Amendment 75

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 of the aquaculture industry, *focussing, in particular, on promoting eco innovation, reducing dependence on fish meal and oil, improving the welfare of farmed organisms and promoting organic and closed system aquaculture.*

Amendment 76

Proposal for a regulation Recital 46 a (new)

(46a) Due to the potential impact on wild marine populations of escapes of farmed animals from aquaculture sites, the EMFF should not provide incentives for the farming of exotic species or genetically modified organisms.

Amendment 77

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 aquaculture enterprises, ***regardless of their size***, 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 ***the*** business development ***of aquaculture enterprises in general, including*** non-food and off-shore aquaculture.

Amendment 78

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 48

Text proposed by the Commission

(48) New forms of income combined with aquaculture activities have already shown their added value for business development. Therefore the EMFF should support these complementary activities outside aquaculture such as angling-tourism, educational or environmental activities.

Amendment

(48) New forms of income combined with aquaculture activities have already shown their added value for business development. Therefore the EMFF should support these complementary activities outside aquaculture, such as angling-tourism, ***aquaculture tourism that promotes the aquaculture sector and its products***, educational or environmental activities.

Amendment 79

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 49

Text proposed by the Commission

(49) Another important form of increasing the income of aquaculture enterprises is adding value to their products by processing and marketing their own production, as well as introducing new species with good market prospects and thus diversifying their production.

Amendment

(49) Another important form of increasing the income of aquaculture enterprises is adding value to their products by processing and marketing their own production, as well as introducing new species ***which are biologically compatible with existing species with*** good market prospects and thus diversifying their production.

Amendment 80

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 ***geographical*** areas for developing aquaculture taking into account access to waters and space ***and the importance of developing a precautionary approach to guarantee stock sustainability***, the EMFF should support national authorities in making their strategic choices at national level ***and should support regional authorities in developing their regional variations***.

Amendment 81

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

Amendment

(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 ***and exchange*** of knowledge ***and good practices, through all the competent***

performance and competitiveness of operators.

advisory services (*in terms of materials available*), *including professional associations, so that they can help* to improve the overall performance and competitiveness of operators.

Amendment 82

Proposal for a regulation Recital 51 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(51a) Given the need to identify geographical areas with a greater potential for the development of aquaculture in terms of access to both water and land, the EMFF should support the national and regional authorities in their strategic choices, particularly regarding the definition and mapping of the zones which may be considered most suitable to the development of aquaculture, taking into account, if relevant, the maritime spatial planning process.

Amendment 83

Proposal for a regulation Recital 52

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(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.

(52) In order to promote environmentally, *socially and economically* sustainable aquaculture, the EMFF should support aquaculture activities which are highly respectful of the environment, the conversion of aquaculture enterprises to *sustainable 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 *and services of public interest*.

Amendment 84

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 that aquaculture rearing may generate, ***particularly through programmes designed to reduce the dependency of aquaculture activities on veterinary products.***

Amendment 85

Proposal for a regulation Recital 53 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(53a) The EMFF should support the establishment of a coherent network of fish stock recovery areas, which include areas important for fish productivity, in particular nursery grounds, spawning grounds and feeding grounds for fish stocks and in which all fishing activities are prohibited.

Amendment 86

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 facilities.

Amendment

(54) Recognizing the risk of investments in aquaculture activities, the EMFF should contribute to business security by covering access to stock insurance ***or by supporting the development of mutual funds,*** 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 facilities.

Amendment 87

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 55

Text proposed by the Commission

(55) Considering that the community-led approach for local development has, over a number of years, proven its utility in promoting the development of **fisheries** and rural **areas** by fully taking into account the multi-sectoral needs for endogenous development, support should be continued and reinforced in the future.

Amendment

(55) Considering that the community-led approach for local development has, over a number of years, proven its utility in promoting the development of **fishing** and rural **communities** by fully taking into account the multi-sectoral needs for endogenous development, support should be continued and reinforced in the future.

Amendment 88

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 56

Text proposed by the Commission

(56) In fisheries areas, community-led local development should encourage innovative approaches to create growth and jobs, in particular by adding value to fisheries products and diversifying the local economy towards new economic activities, including those offered by "blue growth" and the broader maritime sectors.

Amendment

(56) In fisheries areas, community-led local development should encourage innovative approaches to create growth and jobs, in particular by adding value to fisheries products and diversifying the local economy **also** towards new economic activities, including those offered by "blue growth" and the broader maritime sectors.

Amendment 89

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 57

Text proposed by the Commission

(57) The sustainable development of fisheries areas should contribute to the EU 2020 objectives of promoting social inclusion and poverty reduction and to fostering innovation at local level as well as to the objective of territorial cohesion, a main priority in the Lisbon Treaty.

Amendment

(57) The sustainable development of fisheries areas should contribute to the EU 2020 objectives of promoting social inclusion and poverty reduction, **to raising employment rates** and to fostering innovation, **including social innovation**, at local level as well as to the objective of territorial cohesion, a main priority in the Lisbon Treaty.

Amendment 90

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 58

Text proposed by the Commission

(58) Community-led local development should be implemented through a bottom-up approach by local partnerships that are composed of representatives of the public, private and civil society sectors and mirror correctly the local society; these local actors are best placed to draw up and implement integrated multi-sectoral local development strategies to meet the needs of their local fisheries areas; ***it*** is important in order to ensure the representativeness of local action groups that ***no single interest groups has more than 49% of the voting right*** in the decision-making bodies.

Amendment

(58) Community-led local development should be implemented through a bottom-up approach by local partnerships that are composed of representatives of the public, private and civil society sectors and mirror correctly the local society; these local actors are best placed to draw up and implement integrated multi-sectoral local development strategies to meet the needs of their local fisheries areas. ***It*** is important, in order to ensure ***that*** local action groups ***are representative and that the actions of those groups address the challenges in the fisheries and aquaculture sectors, that fishermen and/or fish farmers make up the majority of the economic actors represented in the*** decision-making bodies.

Amendment 91

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 60

Text proposed by the Commission

(60) The support to fisheries areas through the EMFF should be coordinated with the local development support offered by other Union Funds and should cover all aspects of the preparation and implementation of local development strategies and operations of local action groups as well as the costs of animating the local area and running the local partnership.

Amendment

(60) The support to fisheries areas through the EMFF should be coordinated with the local development support offered by other Union Funds and should cover all aspects of the preparation and implementation of local development strategies and operations of local action groups as well as the costs of animating the local area and running the local partnership. ***That support should include the possibility of receiving technical, especially financial engineering assistance in setting up local development projects, especially for small scale coastal fishing and fishing in inland waters.***

Amendment 92

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]¹ 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]¹ 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.

Amendment 93

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 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.***

Amendment

(62) Priority should be given to producer organisations and associations of producer organisations by granting them support.

Amendment 94

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 63

Text proposed by the Commission

(63) Recognising the growing competition

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small scale coastal fishermen are confronted *to*, the EMFF should support entrepreneurial initiatives of small scale coastal fishermen adding value to the fish they catch, in particular by carrying out the processing or direct marketing of the fish they catch.

with which small scale coastal fishermen are confronted **and the dependency of certain coastal communities on fishing**, the EMFF should support entrepreneurial initiatives of small scale coastal fishermen adding value to the fish they catch, in particular by carrying out the processing or direct marketing of the fish they catch.

Amendment 95

Proposal for a regulation Recital 63 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(63a) The EMFF should support entrepreneurial initiatives and joint initiatives aiming to achieve the objectives of the Union in the areas of environmental protection and the preservation of fish stocks through the establishment of joint aqua-environmental measures, in particular for fishing in inland waters.

Amendment 96

Proposal for a regulation Recital 64

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(64) **Fishing** activities in the outermost regions of the European Union are facing difficulties, in particular because of **the additional costs incurred in the marketing of certain fishery products, due to** the particular handicaps recognised by Article 349 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

(64) **Given that fishing** activities in the outermost regions of the European Union are facing difficulties, in particular because of **their remoteness and special climatic conditions, the EMFF should take into account** the particular handicaps recognised by Article 349 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

Amendment 97

Proposal for a regulation Recital 65

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(65) In order to maintain the competitiveness of certain fishery products

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from the outermost regions of the European Union compared with that of similar products from other European Union's regions, the European Union introduced measures in 1992 to compensate for the related additional costs in the fisheries sector. The measures applying for the period 2007–2013 are laid down in Council Regulation (EC) No 791/2007¹. It is necessary to **continue providing** support to offset the additional costs for the marketing of certain fishery products as of 1 January 2014.

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Amendment 98

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 66

Text proposed by the Commission

(66) In view of the different marketing conditions in the outermost regions concerned, the fluctuations in captures and stocks and of market demands, it should be left to the Member States concerned to determine the fishery products eligible for compensation, their respective maximum quantities and the compensation amounts within the overall allocation per Member State.

Amendment

(66) In view of the different **production, processing and** marketing conditions **for fishery and aquaculture products** in the outermost regions concerned, **and** the fluctuations in captures and stocks and of market demands, it should be left to the Member States concerned to determine the fishery **and aquaculture** products **or product categories that are to be** eligible for compensation, their respective maximum quantities and the compensation amounts within the overall allocation per Member State.

Separate vote

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 68

Text proposed by the Commission

(68) Member States should set the compensation amount at a level which allows appropriate off-setting of additional costs, arising from the specific handicaps of the outermost regions and in particular from the costs of transporting the products to mainland Europe. **To avoid**

Amendment

(68) Member States should set the compensation amount at a level which allows appropriate off-setting of additional costs, arising from the specific handicaps of the outermost regions and in particular from the costs of transporting the products

overcompensation, the amount should be proportional to the additional costs the aid off-sets and in no case exceed 100 % of the transport and other related costs to mainland Europe. To this end, it should also take into account other types of public intervention having an impact on the level of additional costs.

to mainland Europe..

Amendment 100

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 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. ***In order to standardise and step up the level of monitoring, the Member States should also be able to put in place common control systems.***

Amendment 101

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 fund.

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 fund.

Amendment 102

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 72 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(72a) The EMFF should support funds for extra control activities and inspections in areas where IUU fishing is reported to take place.

Amendment 103

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 73

Text proposed by the Commission

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 continued under the EMFF pursuing the logic of a single fund.

(73) Rrelevant stakeholders should be informed through the Advisory Councils of procedures . 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 104

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 73 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(73a) The paramount importance of funding data collection, the cornerstone of the CFP, should be emphasised. It is the essential prerequisite for the definition of precise objectives to be achieved, particularly as regards the achievement of the MSY and better fisheries

management. In this sense it is appropriate to ensure that data collection is allocated a part of the EMFF budget that is commensurate with its importance. It is also appropriate to provide for a co-financing rate that encourages a comprehensive review of the state of European fish stocks.

Amendment 105

Proposal for a regulation Recital 74

Text proposed by the Commission

(74) It is also necessary to support the cooperation among Member States, as well as with third countries where relevant, with respect to the collection of data within the same sea basin, as well as with the relevant international scientific bodies.

Amendment

(74) It is also necessary to support the cooperation among Member States, as well as with third countries where relevant, with respect to the collection of data within the same sea basin, as well as with the relevant international scientific bodies ***and the Regional Advisory Councils.***

Amendment 106

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 is expected to have a significant impact in terms of economic, social and territorial cohesion.***

Amendment 107

Proposal for a regulation Recital 76 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(76a) In this respect, the EMFF should be designed to support exploratory work on actions which aim to promote the strategic objectives of the IMP, due attention being paid 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 108

Proposal for a regulation Recital 77

Text proposed by the Commission

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.

(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. ***In this context, it is very important to improve maritime governance, including through the enhancement of cooperation and coordination, at the appropriate level, among the competent authorities performing coast guard functions in the Union, ensuring healthier, safer and more secure seas and oceans in particular by implementing the existing maritime legislation.*** 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 to environmental sustainability. It is therefore very important to improve and enhance external cooperation and coordination in relation to achieving the objectives of the IMP, on the basis of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS).*

Amendment 109

Proposal for a regulation Recital 77 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(77a) In order to enhance the approximation of the fisheries and aquaculture funds and the funds for the Integrated Maritime Policy, the EMFF should provide for a specific framework to promote the contribution that fisheries and aquaculture make to the Integrated Maritime Policy. It is essential to encourage full consideration of these activities through support for participation in integrated governance and collective projects that contribute to the implementation of the IMP.

Amendment 110

Proposal for a regulation Recital 79

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(79) Interconnection of the certain information systems run by those sectors may require mobilisation of their own funding mechanisms in a coherent way and in line with Treaty provisions. Maritime spatial planning and integrated coastal zone management are essential for the sustainable development of marine areas and coastal regions and both contributing to the aims of ecosystem-based management and the development of land-sea links. These tools are also important to manage diverse uses of our coasts, seas and oceans to enable their sustainable

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economic development and to stimulate cross-border investment, whereas the implementation of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive will further define the boundaries of sustainability of human activities that have an impact on the marine environment. Furthermore, it is necessary to improve knowledge of the marine world, and stimulate innovation by facilitating collection, free sharing, re-use and dissemination of data concerning the status of oceans and seas.

economic development and to stimulate cross-border investment, whereas the implementation of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive will further define the boundaries of sustainability of ***industrial, construction and*** human activities that have an impact on the marine environment. Furthermore, it is necessary to improve knowledge of the marine world, and stimulate innovation by facilitating collection, free sharing, re-use and dissemination of data concerning the status of oceans and seas ***and the status of fisheries, making it available to end-users and the general public.***

Amendment 111

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 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

(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 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. ***The EMFF should support measures to develop the education and vocational training system in the sector, including the acquisition of the equipment and tools needed to improve the quality of education and training services.***

Amendment 112

Proposal for a regulation Recital 81

Text proposed by the Commission

(81) The EMFF should be complementary and coherent with existing and future

Amendment

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financial instruments made available by the Union and the Member States, at national and sub-national level, for promoting the protection and sustainable use of the oceans, seas and coasts, helping to foster more effective cooperation between the Member States and their coastal, island, and outermost regions, and taking into account the prioritisation and progress of national and local projects. The Fund will tie in with other Union policies that may encompass a maritime dimension, in particular the European Regional Development Fund, the Cohesion Fund and the European Social Fund as well the Horizon 2020 Programme for Research and energy policy

financial instruments made available by the Union and the Member States, at national and sub-national level, for promoting ***sustainable economic and social development***, the protection and sustainable use of the oceans, seas and coasts, helping to foster more effective cooperation between the Member States and their coastal, island, and outermost regions, and taking into account the prioritisation and progress of national and local projects. The Fund will tie in with other Union policies that may encompass a maritime dimension, in particular the European Regional Development Fund, the Cohesion Fund and the European Social Fund as well the Horizon 2020 Programme for Research and energy policy

Amendment 113

Proposal for a regulation Recital 84

Text proposed by the Commission

(84) By way of technical assistance the EMFF should provide preparatory, administrative and technical support as well as support for information measures, networking, evaluations, audits, studies and exchanges of experience in order to facilitate the implementation of the operational programme and to promote innovative approaches and practices for simple and transparent implementation. Technical assistance should also include the setting up of a European network of Fisheries Local Action Groups aiming at capacity building, disseminating information, exchanging experience and supporting cooperation between the local partnerships.

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Amendment 114

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*** with 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 115

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 88 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(88a) There should be a possibility to freeze funding from the EMFF if a Member State is unable to tackle problems with IUU-fishing within its waters and within its fishing fleet.

Amendment 116

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 91

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(91) In order to address the specific needs

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of the CFP mentioned in Articles 50 and 51 of the [CFP Regulation] and contribute to the compliance with the CFP rules, additional provisions to the rules on interruption of the payment deadline [Regulation (EU) No [...] laying down Common Provisions] should be laid down. Where a Member State or an operator has failed to comply with its obligations under the CFP or where the Commission has evidence to *suggest* this lack of compliance, as a precautionary measure, the Commission should be allowed to interrupt payments.

of the CFP mentioned in Articles 50 and 51 of the [CFP Regulation] and contribute to the compliance with the CFP rules, additional provisions to the rules on interruption of the payment deadline [Regulation (EU) No [...] laying down Common Provisions] should be laid down. Where a Member State or an operator has failed to comply with its obligations under the CFP or where the Commission has evidence to *verify* this lack of compliance, as a precautionary measure, the Commission should be allowed to interrupt payments.

Amendment 117

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 93

Text proposed by the Commission

(93) 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

(93) 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 *made publicly* available *in* 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 118

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 95

Text proposed by the Commission

(95) With a view to strengthening accessibility and transparency of information about funding opportunities and project beneficiaries, in each Member State a single website or website portal providing information on operational programme, including the lists of operations supported under each operational programme, should be made

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(95) With a view to strengthening accessibility and transparency of information about funding opportunities and project beneficiaries, in each Member State a single website or website portal providing information on operational programme, including the lists of operations supported under each operational programme, should be made

available. This information should give a reasonable, tangible and concrete idea to the wider public and in particular to Union taxpayers on how Union funding is spent in the framework of the EMFF. In addition to this objective, the publication of relevant data should serve the purpose of further publicising the possibility of applying for Union funding. However in full respect of the fundamental right to data protection and in line with the judgment of the Court in the Joined Cases Schecke, the publication of the names of natural persons should not be requested.

available. *The dedicated websites of all Member States should also be accessible from an official Union website in order to help citizens from different Member States to get easier access to published information from all Member States.* This information should give a reasonable, tangible and concrete idea to the wider public and in particular to Union taxpayers on how Union funding is spent in the framework of the EMFF. In addition to this objective, the publication of relevant data should serve the purpose of further publicising the possibility of applying for Union funding. However in full respect of the fundamental right to data protection and in line with the judgment of the Court in the Joined Cases Schecke, the publication of the names of natural persons should not be requested.

Amendment 119

Proposal for a regulation Recital 96 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(96a) 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 120

Proposal for a regulation Recital 96 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(96b) 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 121

Proposal for a regulation

Article 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) the sustainable development of fisheries areas **and** inland fishing,

Amendment

(c) the sustainable development of fisheries **and aquaculture** areas, **of** inland fishing **and of related activities as defined in this Regulation**,

Amendment 122

Proposal for a regulation

Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

(d) and the Integrated Maritime Policy (IMP).

Amendment

(d) and the Integrated Maritime Policy (IMP), **including the Marine Strategy Framework Directive**.

Amendment 123

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

This Regulation shall apply to operations carried out in the territory of the Union unless otherwise expressly provided for in this Regulation.

Amendment

This Regulation shall apply to operations carried out in the territory, **waters and fleets** of the Union unless otherwise expressly provided for in this Regulation.

Amendment 124

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 — paragraph 2 — point -1 (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(-1) 'closed aquaculture system' means aquaculture facilities where fish and other aquatic products are farmed in closed recirculation systems which retain and treat the water within the system, minimising water use. Such systems are usually land-based and re-use virtually all of the water initially put into the

system;

Amendment 125

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 — paragraph 2 — point 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(2a) 'diversification' means practices that render fisheries or aquaculture activities more versatile and which are directly complementary to or dependent on such activities;

Amendment 583

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 2 – point 4 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(4a) 'alien species' means any alien species within the meaning of Council Regulation (EC) No 708/2007¹;

¹Council Regulation (EC) No 708/2007 of 11 June 2007 concerning use of alien and locally absent species in aquaculture

Amendment 127

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 — paragraph 2 — point 4 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(4b) 'extensive aquaculture' means aquaculture production which receives no intentional nutritional inputs but depends instead on natural food in the culture facility, including that brought in by water flow such as currents and tidal exchange. Extensive aquaculture largely depends on a single nutritional input, namely seed;

Amendment 128

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 — paragraph 2 — point 5

Text proposed by the Commission

(5) 'fisheries area' means an area with sea or lake shore or including ponds or a river estuary **with** a significant level of employment in fisheries **or** aquaculture and designated as such by the Member State;

Amendment

(5) 'fisheries **and aquaculture** area' means an area with sea, **river** or lake shore, or including ponds or a river estuary, **with** a significant level of employment in **the** fisheries **or** aquaculture **sector** and designated as such by the Member State;

Amendment 129

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 geographically defined sea area in which all fishing activities are prohibited, in order to improve the exploitation and conservation of living aquatic resources or the protection of marine ecosystems, as referred to in Regulation (EU) No .../.. [laying down Common Provisions];

Amendment 130

Proposal for a regulation

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

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(5b) 'fisheries sector' means the economic sector covering all activities relating to the production, processing and marketing of fisheries and aquaculture products;

Amendment 131

Proposal for a regulation

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

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(5c) 'management and fisheries access systems' means mechanisms for the attribution of and access to fishing rights or for the management of the fisheries effort, developed at national, regional or

local level or at the level of the sea basins, on species under quota or out of quota within the 12-mile coastal strip or beyond and focusing on healthy stocks. These systems are implemented by the public authorities or fisheries organisations;

Amendment 132

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 2 – point 6

Text proposed by the Commission

(6) 'fisherman' means any person engaging in professional fishing, as recognised by the Member State, on board of an operational fishing vessel or engaging in professional harvesting of marine organisms, as recognised by the Member State, without a vessel;

Amendment

(6) 'fisherman' means any person engaging in professional fishing, ***including employees***, as recognised by the Member State, on board of an operational fishing vessel or engaging in professional harvesting of ***freshwater or*** marine organisms, as recognised by the Member State, without a vessel;

Amendment 133

Proposal for a regulation

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

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(6a) 'fishing tourism' means a complementary activity carried out by professional fishermen whereby persons who are not crew members board fishing vessels as tourists or researchers;

Amendment 134

Proposal for a regulation

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

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(6b) 'ancillary fishing and aquaculture activities' means those activities carried out by anyone providing a professional service to fishermen which is required for their activity and designated as such by the Member State;

Amendment 135

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 — paragraph 2 — point 8 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(8a) 'intensive aquaculture' means aquaculture production which depends on nutritionally complete diets added to the nutritional system of either fresh, wild, marine or freshwater fish, or which depends on formulated diets. It is largely dependant on complete and commercially available feed and is characterised by high stocking densities;

Amendment 136

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 2 – point 10

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(10) 'inland fishing' means fishing carried out for commercial purposes ***by vessels operating*** exclusively in inland waters or by other devices used for ice fishing;

(10) 'inland fishing' means fishing carried out for commercial purposes, ***from a vessel or otherwise***, exclusively in inland waters or by other devices used for ice fishing;

Amendment 137

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 2 – point 12

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(12) 'integrated maritime governance' means the coordinated management of all sectoral policies ***of the*** EU affecting the oceans, seas, and coastal regions;

(12) 'integrated maritime governance' means the coordinated management of all sectoral policies ***at Union level*** affecting the oceans, seas, and coastal regions;

Amendment 138

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 2 – point 13

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(13) 'marine regions' means the geographical areas set out in Annex I to Council Decision 2004/585/EC and the

deleted

areas established by the regional fisheries management organisations;

Amendment 139

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 2 – point 16

Text proposed by the Commission

(16) 'sea basin strategy' means a structured framework of cooperation in respect to a given geographical area, developed by European Institutions, Member States, their regions and where appropriate third countries sharing a sea basin; the strategy takes into account the geographic, climatic, economic and political specificities of the sea basin;

Amendment

(16) 'sea basin strategy' means a structured framework of cooperation in respect to a given geographical area, developed by European Institutions, Member States, their regions **and local authorities** and where appropriate third countries sharing a sea basin; the strategy takes into account the geographic, climatic, economic and political specificities of the sea basin;

Amendment 140

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 2 – point 16 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(16a) 'semi intensive aquaculture' means aquaculture that depends largely on natural food but where the naturally present food levels are increased through the use of supplementary feed that complements that natural food. Culture densities are kept at lower levels than those typical for intensive aquaculture production;

Amendment 142

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 2 – point 18 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(18a) 'shellfish catcher/grower' means any individual carrying out extraction, cultivation or semi-cultivation, whether on foot or on board a vessel, exclusively and using selective, specific gear for the capture of one or more species of molluscs, crustaceans, tunicates,

echinoderms or other marine invertebrates;

Oral Amendment

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 2 – point 18 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(18b) “tuna trap” means traditional extractive fishing technique based on fixed nets anchored to the bottom for several months, which consists of a group of vessels, nets, fishing wires and anchors located near the coastline to intercept migratory fisheries (tuna and tunalike species) and lead them to an enclosed area where they are extracted;

Amendment 143

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a) promoting sustainable *and competitive* fisheries *and* aquaculture;

(a) promoting *environmentally* sustainable, *economically viable and socially responsible* fisheries, aquaculture *and related activities of processing or marketing*;

Amendment 144

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(c) promoting a balanced and inclusive territorial development of fisheries areas;

(c) promoting a balanced and inclusive territorial development of fisheries *and aquaculture* areas;

Amendment 145

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

(d) fostering the implementation of the CFP.

Amendment

(d) fostering the implementation of the CFP, ***including its regionalisation and the implementation of the common organisation of the markets.***

Amendment 146

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point d a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(da) Fostering job creation in order to prevent the disappearance of fishing communities and delivering improved qualifications and working conditions in the fisheries sector.

Amendment 147

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – paragraph 2 (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2. In achieving these objectives, the EMFF shall take into account the principles of intergenerational and gender equity.

Amendment 148

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – paragraph 3 (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3. These objectives shall be pursued without increasing fishing capacity.

Amendment 149

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

The achievement of the objectives of the

The achievement of the objectives of the

EMFF shall contribute to the Europe 2020 strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth. It shall be pursued through the following six Union priorities, which translate the relevant Thematic Objectives of the Common Strategic Framework (hereinafter CSF):

EMFF shall contribute to the Europe 2020 strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth *as well as to the implementation of the CFP*. It shall be pursued through the following six Union priorities *for fisheries, sustainable aquaculture and related activities*, which translate the relevant Thematic Objectives of the Common Strategic Framework (hereinafter CSF):

Amendment 150

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

(1) Increasing employment and territorial cohesion through the following objectives:

Amendment

(1) Increasing employment and *social and* territorial cohesion through the following objectives:

Amendment 151

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 1 – 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 economic growth *and* social inclusion, *including through the* creation of jobs *and the development of employability* and mobility in coastal and inland communities depending on fishing and aquaculture, *including in outermost regions*;

Amendment 152

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) diversification of fisheries activities *into* other sectors of maritime economy and growth of maritime economy, including mitigation of climate change.

Amendment

(b) diversification of fisheries activities *in both the fisheries sector and* other sectors of *the* maritime economy *that are closely connected to the fishing sector*, and growth of maritime economy, including mitigation of climate change.

Amendment 153

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point 1 – point b a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ba) promoting the implementation of harmonised social rules at Union level.

Amendment 154

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point 2 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

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

(a) support to strengthening technological development, innovation, ***including increasing energy efficiency***, and knowledge transfer;

Amendment 155

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point 2 – point a a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(aa) reducing the negative impact of fishing on animal welfare;

Amendment 156

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point 2 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

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

(b) enhancement of the competitiveness and viability of fisheries and improvement of ***their health, hygiene, safety and*** working conditions;

Amendment 157

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point 2 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(c) development of new professional skills

(c) development of ***professional training***,

and lifelong learning;

new professional skills and lifelong learning, *in particular for young fishermen*;

Amendment 158

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point 2 – point c a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ca) developing small scale coastal fishing, especially its competitiveness and sustainability;

Amendment 159

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point 3 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

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

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

Amendment 160

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point 3 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

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

(a) support to strengthening technological development, *technical, social and economic* innovation and knowledge transfer;

Amendment 161

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point 3 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

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

(b) enhancement of the competitiveness and viability of *extensive and semi-intensive* aquaculture enterprises, SMEs in particular;

Amendment 162

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point 3 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) development of new professional skills and lifelong learning;

Amendment

(c) development of new professional skills **and encouragement of professional training** and lifelong learning, **in particular for young aquaculture farmers**;

Amendment 163

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point 3 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

(d) improved market organisation for aquaculture products.

Amendment

(d) improved market organisation for aquaculture products **and encouragement of investment in the processing and marketing sectors**.

Amendment 164

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point 3 – point d a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(da) limiting the ecological footprint by aquaculture.

Amendment 165

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point 4 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

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

Amendment

(a) **prevention, minimisation and, as far as possible, elimination of unwanted catches and of negative impacts** of fisheries on the marine environment, **especially through better selectivity of fishing gears**;

Amendment 166

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point 4 – point a a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(aa) ensuring a balance between fishing capacity and available fishing opportunities;

Amendment 167

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point 4 – point b a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ba) implementation of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive and achievement of good environmental status by 2020;

Amendment 168

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point 5 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a) *enhancement of ecosystems related to aquaculture and* promotion of resource efficient aquaculture;

(a) promotion of resource efficient aquaculture, *including by reducing dependence on fish food and oil and reducing the use of chemicals and antibiotics;*

Amendment 169

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 1 – 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 170

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point 6 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

(6) Fostering the implementation of the CFP through:

Amendment

(6) Fostering the implementation of the CFP ***and strengthening its links and coherence with the Integrated Maritime Policy*** through:

Amendment 171

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point 6 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

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

Amendment

(a) the ***support for the collection and management of data, in order to improve*** scientific knowledge;

Amendment 172

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 1 – 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 ***for monitoring***, control and enforcement, enhancing institutional capacity and an efficient public administration ***without increasing the administrative burden***;

Amendment 173

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 1 – point 6 – point b a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ba) the support for the regionalisation of the CFP, especially through Regional Advisory Councils.

Amendment 174

Proposal for a regulation

Article 8 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. ***Without prejudice to paragraph 2 of this Article***, Articles 107, 108 and 109 of the Treaty shall apply to aid granted by the Member States to enterprises in fisheries ***and*** aquaculture.

Amendment

1. Articles 107, 108 and 109 of the Treaty shall apply to aid granted by the Member States to enterprises in ***the*** fisheries ***and*** aquaculture ***sector***.

Amendment 175

Proposal for a regulation

Article 8 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. ***However*** Articles 107, 108 and 109 of the Treaty shall not apply to payments made by Member States pursuant to, and in conformity with, this Regulation within the scope of Article 42 of the Treaty.

Amendment

2. ***By way of derogation from paragraph 1***, Articles 107, 108 and 109 of the Treaty shall not apply to payments made by Member States pursuant to, and in conformity with, this Regulation within the scope of Article 42 of the Treaty.

Amendment 176

Proposal for a regulation

Article 10 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

In addition to the principles enounced in Article 4 of the [Regulation (EU) No [...] laying down Common Provisions], the Commission and the Member States shall ensure coordination and complementarity between support from the EMFF and from other Union policies and financial instruments, including ***the Regulation (EC) No [establishing the Framework Programme for Environment and Climate Change Action (LIFE Framework Programme)]*** and those in the framework of the Union's external action.

Coordination between assistance from the EMFF and LIFE Framework Programme shall be achieved in particular, by promoting the funding of activities that complement integrated projects funded under LIFE Framework Programme, as well as by promoting the

Amendment

In addition to the principles enounced in Article 4 of the [Regulation (EU) No [...] laying down Common Provisions], the Commission and the Member States shall ensure coordination and complementarity between support from the EMFF and from other Union policies and financial instruments, including those in the framework of the Union's external action. ***This coordination and complementarity requirement shall be included in the operational programmes.***

*use of solutions, methods and approaches
validated under LIFE Framework
Programme.*

Amendment 177

Proposal for a regulation

Article 11

Text proposed by the Commission

The ex ante conditionalities referred to in Annex III of this Regulation shall apply for the EMFF.

Amendment

The *specific* ex ante conditionalities referred to in Annex III of this Regulation shall apply for the EMFF.

Amendment 178

Proposal for a regulation

Article 11 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 11a

Assessment of compliance with capacity ceilings

1. By ...*, the Commission, in collaboration with the Member States, shall carry out an assessment of Member States' compliance with fishing capacity ceilings, set out in Annex II to Regulation (EU) No .../..... [on the CFP].

2. When the assessment referred to in paragraph 1 indicates that a Member State is not complying with its capacity ceilings, the Commission may adopt implementing acts suspending all or part of the payments and commitments for the operational programme of the Member State concerned.

3. The Commission shall lift the suspension of payments and commitments as soon as the Member State implements measures aimed at complying with its capacity ceilings and these are approved by the Commission.

**** OJ please insert the date three years after the date of entry into force of this***

Regulation.

Amendment 180

Proposal for a regulation

Article 12 – paragraph 1 – point b a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ba) operators involved in the operation, management or ownership of fishing vessels flagged to countries identified as non-cooperating third countries pursuant to Article 33 of Regulation (EC) No 1005/2008;

Amendment 181

Proposal for a regulation

Article 12 – paragraph 1 – point b b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(bb) operators found guilty, in criminal or administrative proceedings, of having committed a serious infringement of the applicable national legislation in the following areas:

- pay and employment conditions in the trade;*
- professional liability;*
- human or drug trafficking;*

Amendment 182

Proposal for a regulation

Article 12 – paragraph 1 – point b c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(bc) operators found guilty, in criminal or administrative proceedings, of having committed, in one or more Member States, a serious infringement of Union legislation, particularly concerning:

- working hours and rest periods for fishermen;*
- health and safety legislation;*

- *pay and employment conditions in the trade;*
- *the initial qualification and continuous training of fishermen;*

Amendment 184

Proposal for a regulation

Article 12 – paragraph 1 – point c a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ca) operators who have failed to comply with the provisions of the Council Regulation (EC) No 199/2008 of 25 February 2008 concerning the establishment of a Community framework for the collection, management and use of data in the fisheries sector and support for scientific advice regarding the CFP¹.

¹ *OJ L 60, 5.3.2008, p.1.*

Amendment 571

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 gravity of the infringement or non-compliance;

(a) the identification of the period of time referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 which shall be proportionate to the gravity of the infringement or non-compliance *in question, taking into account criteria such as the damage done, its value, the extent of the infringement or non-compliance and its repetition, and which shall be of at least one year;*

Amendment 185

Proposal for a regulation

Article 12 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

4. Member States shall require that operators submitting an application under

4. Member States shall require that operators submitting an application under

the EMFF provide to the managing authority a signed statement confirming that they respect the criteria listed in paragraph 1 and ***have not committed an irregularity under the EEF or the EMFF as referred to in*** paragraph 2. Member States shall verify the veracity of the statement before the approval of the operation

the EMFF provide to the managing authority a signed statement confirming that they respect the criteria listed in paragraph 1 and paragraph 2. Member States shall verify the veracity of the statement before the approval of the operation, ***by reference to the information provided in the national register of infringements established under Article 93 of Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009, or to other data provided for this purpose.***

Amendment 610

Proposal for a regulation Article 12 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 12a

Suspension of payments

In the case of operators being under investigation for having committed an infringement described in Article 12(1), any payments under the EMFF to the operators concerned shall be suspended. Should an operator be found to have committed a infringement under Article 12(1), the application of the operators concerned shall be considered inadmissible.

Amendment 186

Proposal for a regulation Article 13 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a) operations increasing the fishing capacity of the vessel;

(a) operations increasing the fishing capacity of the vessel ***or its ability to catch fish;***

Amendment 187

Proposal for a regulation Article 13 – paragraph 1 – point a a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

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

Amendment 188

Proposal for a regulation

Article 13 – paragraph 1 – point a b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ab) destructive employment measures;

Amendment 190

Proposal for a regulation

Article 13 – paragraph 1 – point b a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ba) investments on board for vessels belonging to a fleet segment for which the capacity report, referred to in Article 34(1) of Regulation (EU) No .../... [on CFP], has demonstrated that there is no sustainable balance between fishing opportunities and fleet capacity;

Amendment 191

Proposal for a regulation

Article 13 – paragraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(c) temporary cessation of fishing activities;

deleted

Amendment 192

Proposal for a regulation

Article 13 – paragraph 1 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(d) experimental fishing;

(d) exploratory fishing;

Amendment 611

Proposal for a regulation

Article 15 – paragraphs 2 to 4

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.
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.
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

2. **A maximum of 71,86 %** 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.
3. **A minimum of 12,5 %** of the resources referred to in paragraph (1) shall be allocated to control and enforcement measures referred to in Article 78.
4. **A minimum of 12,97 %** of the resources referred to in paragraph (1) shall be allocated to measures on data collection referred to in Article 79.

Amendment 198

Proposal for a regulation

Article 15 – paragraph 5 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

5. The resources allocated to compensation of outermost regions under Chapter V of Title V, shall not exceed **per year**:

Amendment

5. The resources allocated to compensation of outermost regions under Chapter V of Title V, shall not exceed:

Amendment 199

Proposal for a regulation

Article 15 – paragraph 5 – indent 1

Text proposed by the Commission

- **EUR 4 300 000** for the Azores and Madeira;

Amendment

- **EUR X per year** for the Azores and Madeira;

Amendment 200

Proposal for a regulation

Article 15 – paragraph 5 – indent 2

Text proposed by the Commission

- **EUR 5 800 000** for the Canary Islands;

Amendment

- **EUR X per year** for the Canary Islands;

Amendment 201

Proposal for a regulation

Article 15 – paragraph 5 – indent 3

Text proposed by the Commission

– EUR **4 900 000** for the French *Guiana and Réunion*.

Amendment

– EUR *X per year* for the French *outermost regions*.

Amendment 202

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

6. EUR *X* of the resources referred to in paragraph (1) shall be allocated to the *production and marketing plans referred to in Article 69 and to the storage aid referred to in Article 70*.

Amendment 616

Proposal for a regulation

Article 15 – paragraph 6 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

6a. Member States shall have the opportunity to use resources available under Article 15(2), 15(5) and 15(6) for measures under Article 15(3) and Article 15(4).

Amendment 204

Proposal for a regulation

Article 16 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 16a

[Annual reference amounts and annual appropriations]

1. The overall indicative financial reference amount, as defined in point [17] of the Interinstitutional Agreement of xx/201z between the European

Parliament, the Council and the Commission on cooperation in budgetary matters and sound financial management for the implementation of the Programme for the period 2014 to 2020 shall be EUR X in constant 2011 prices.

2. Annual appropriations shall be authorised by the European Parliament and the Council without prejudice to the provisions of the Regulation laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2014–2020 and the Interinstitutional Agreement xxx/201z between the European Parliament, Council and the Commission on cooperation in budgetary matters and sound financial management.

Amendment 205

Proposal for a regulation

Article 17 – paragraph 1 – point a – point i

Text proposed by the Commission

(i) the level of employment in fisheries *and* aquaculture,

Amendment

(i) the level of employment in fisheries, *in* aquaculture *and in the processing industry*,

Amendment 206

Proposal for a regulation

Article 17 – paragraph 1 – point a – point ii

Text proposed by the Commission

(ii) the level of production in fisheries and aquaculture,

Amendment

(ii) the level of production in fisheries, *in* aquaculture *and in the processing industry*,

Amendment 207

Proposal for a regulation

Article 17 – paragraph 1 – point b – point iii

Text proposed by the Commission

(iii) the extent of data *collections* tasks of the Member State concerned, approximated by the size of the national fishing fleet, the

Amendment

(iii) the extent of *the data collection and management* tasks of the Member State concerned, approximated by the size of the

amount of landings, the amount of scientific monitoring activities at sea and the number of surveys the Member State is taking part in, and

national fishing fleet, the amount of landings, the amount of scientific monitoring activities at sea and the number of surveys the Member State is taking part in, and

Amendment 208

Proposal for a regulation

Article 17 – paragraph 1 – point b – point iv

Text proposed by the Commission

(iv) the **available** data collection resources compared to the extent of the data collection tasks of the Member State, where available means are approximated to **the number of observers at sea and the amount of** human resources and technical means needed to implement the national sampling programme for data collection.

Amendment

(iv) the data collection **and management** resources **that are available** compared to the extent of the data collection **and management** tasks of the Member State, where available means are approximated to human resources and technical means needed to implement the national sampling programme for data collection.

Amendment 209

Proposal for a regulation

Article 17 – paragraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

c) As regards all measures, the **historical allocations** under Council Regulation (EC) No 1198/2006 and the historical consumption under Council Regulation (EC) No 861/2006.

Amendment

(c) As regards all measures, the **previous allocation of funds** under Council Regulation (EC) No 1198/2006 **for the 2007–2013 period** and the **previous** consumption under Council Regulation (EC) No 861/2006.

Amendment 210

Proposal for a regulation

Article 18 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. Each Member State shall draw up a single operational programme to implement the Union priorities to be co-financed by the EMFF.

Amendment

1. Each Member State shall draw up a single operational programme to implement the Union priorities **referred to in Article 6 of this Regulation** to be co-financed by the EMFF.

Amendment 211

Proposal for a regulation

Article 18 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. For the section of the operational programme referred to in Article 20(1)(n) the Commission shall adopt ***by means of implementing act*** the priorities of the Union for enforcement and control policy by 31 May 2013 at the latest.

Amendment

3. For the section of the operational programme referred to in Article 20(1)(n), the Commission shall ***be empowered to adopt delegated acts, in accordance with Article 127, setting*** the priorities of the Union for enforcement and control policy by 31 May 2013 at the latest.

Amendment 212

Proposal for a regulation

Article 19 – paragraph 2 (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(2) Each Member State shall include a production and marketing plan as referred to in Article 32 of Regulation (EU) No .../....[on the common organisation of the markets in fishery and aquaculture products].

Amendment 213

Proposal for a regulation

Article 19 – paragraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) appropriate action is envisaged to simplify and facilitate the implementation of the programme;

Amendment

(c) appropriate action is envisaged to simplify and facilitate the implementation of the programme, ***in particular facilitating access by small scale coastal fishing operators and their organisations to the available financial support;***

Amendment 214

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 point d of Article 38(1) of this Regulation and the prioritised action frameworks for Natura 2000 referred to in Article 8(4) of Council Directive 92/43/EEC as well as the achievement of good environmental status as defined in Directive 2008/56/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 June 2008 establishing a framework for community action in the field of marine environmental policy (Marine Strategy Framework Directive).

Amendment 215

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

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(b) an analysis of the situation in terms of SWOT and identification of the needs that have to be addressed in the geographical area covered by the programme;

The analysis shall be structured around the Union priorities. Specific needs concerning climate change mitigation and adaptation and promotion of innovation shall be assessed *across* Union priorities, in view of identifying relevant responses *in these two areas* at the level of each *priority; a synthesis of the situation of the policy areas eligible for support in terms of strengths and weaknesses*;

(b) an analysis of the situation in terms of SWOT and identification of the needs that have to be addressed in the geographical *and environmental* area covered by the programme;

The analysis shall be structured around the Union priorities *as laid down in Article 6*. Specific needs concerning climate change mitigation and adaptation and promotion of innovation shall be assessed *in relation to* Union priorities, *with a view to* identifying *the most* relevant responses at the level of each of the *priorities related to those* areas;

This analysis shall also cover the effects on each coastal region or area of implementation of the CFP.

Amendment 216

Proposal for a regulation

Article 20 – paragraph 1 – point b a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ba) an analysis of the consequences for jobs, throughout the whole value chain, of implementing the CFP and innovative proposals for jobs in the affected areas;

Amendment 217

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) an analysis showing that the programme takes account of the effects of fishing and aquaculture on the environment and, where appropriate, the specific needs of Natura 2000 areas, as well as the achievement of good environmental status, the establishment of a coherent network of fish recovery areas and climate change mitigation and adaptation;

Amendment 218

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 (EU) No .../.... [on the CFP] and a description of the measures taken to comply with fishing capacity ceilings set out in Annex II to that Regulation;

Amendment 219

Proposal for a regulation

Article 20 – paragraph 1 – point h

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(h) a clear indication of the *operations* under Chapter III of Title V that may be

(h) a clear indication of the *measures* under Chapter III of Title V that may be

undertaken collectively and therefore may benefit from higher aid intensity according to Article 95(3);

undertaken collectively and therefore may benefit from higher aid intensity according to Article 95(3);

Amendment 220

Proposal for a regulation

Article 20 – paragraph 1 – point h a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ha) an action plan for small-scale and coastal fishing setting out a strategy for the development, competitiveness and sustainability of small-scale and coastal fishing;

Amendment 221

Proposal for a regulation

Article 20 – paragraph 1 – point h b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(hb) a detailed description of the measures concerning the preparation and implementation of production and marketing plans benefiting from support under Article 69;

Amendment 222

Proposal for a regulation

Article 20 – paragraph 1 – point i

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(i) an analysis of needs relating to monitoring and evaluation requirements and the evaluation plan referred to in Article 49 of the [Regulation (EU) No [...] laying down Common Provisions]. ***The Member States shall provide sufficient resources and capacity building activities*** to address the identified needs;

(i) the evaluation requirements and the evaluation plan referred to in Article 49 of the [Regulation (EU) No [...] laying down Common Provisions] ***and the measures to be taken*** to address the identified needs;

Amendment 223

Proposal for a regulation

Article 20 – paragraph 1 – point j – point ii

Text proposed by the Commission

(ii) a table setting out the applicable EMFF resources and co-financing rate for the **objectives under the** Union priorities of Article 6 and the technical assistance. Where applicable, this table shall indicate separately the EMFF resources and the co-financing rates which apply by way of derogation to the general rule of Article 94(1) for support referred to in Article 72, Article 73, Article 78(2)(a) to (d) and (f) to (j), Article 78(2)(e) and Article 79.

Amendment

(ii) a table setting out the applicable EMFF resources and co-financing rate for the Union priorities of Article 6 and the technical assistance. Where applicable, this table shall indicate separately the EMFF resources and the co-financing rates which apply by way of derogation to the general rule of Article 94(1) for support referred to in Article 72, Article 73, Article 78(2)(a) to (d) and (f) to (j), Article 78(2)(e) and Article 79.

Amendment 224

Proposal for a regulation

Article 20 – paragraph 1 – point k

Text proposed by the Commission

(k) information on **the** complementarity with measures financed through other **CSF Funds or the LIFE Framework Programme**;

Amendment

(k) information on complementarity with measures financed through other **Union policies and financial instruments**;

Amendment 225

Proposal for a regulation

Article 20 – paragraph 1 – point l – point ia (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ia) a clear description of the roles to be performed by the FLAGS and by the management authority or body appointed for setting strategy implementation tasks;

Amendment 226

Proposal for a regulation

Article 20 – paragraph 1 – point l – point ii

Text proposed by the Commission

(ii) a description of the monitoring and evaluation procedures, as well as the composition of the Monitoring Committee;

Amendment

(ii) a description of the monitoring and evaluation procedures, as well as the **general** composition of the Monitoring

Amendment 227

Proposal for a regulation

Article 20 – paragraph 1 – point m

Text proposed by the Commission

(m) the designation of the partners referred to in Article 5 of the [Regulation (EU) No [...] laying down Common Provisions] and the results of the consultation of the partners;

Amendment

(m) the **procedure for** designation of the partners referred to in Article 5 of the [Regulation (EU) No [...] laying down Common Provisions] and the results of the consultation of the partners; **changes with regard to partners may be implemented during the programme with the agreement of the Monitoring Committee;**

Amendment 228

Proposal for a regulation

Article 20 – paragraph 1 – point n – point i

Text proposed by the Commission

(i) a list of bodies implementing the control, inspection and enforcement system and a brief description of their human and financial resources available for fisheries control, inspection and enforcement, their equipment available for fisheries control, inspection and enforcement in particular the number of vessels, aircraft and helicopters;

Amendment

(i) a list of bodies implementing the control, inspection and enforcement system and a brief description of their human and financial resources available for fisheries control, inspection and enforcement, their **main** equipment available for fisheries control, inspection and enforcement in particular the number of vessels, aircraft and helicopters;

Amendment 229

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] **and for the analysis of the socio-economic situation of the processing and marketing industry**

for fisheries and aquaculture products:

Amendment 230

Proposal for a regulation

Article 20 – paragraph 1 – point o – point i

Text proposed by the Commission

(i) a description of activities of data collection to be carried out to allow the following:

Amendment

(i) a description of activities of data collection, to be carried out ***in consultation with stakeholders*** to allow the following:

Amendment 231

Proposal for a regulation

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

Text proposed by the Commission

– an evaluation of the fishing sector (biological, ***economical*** and transversal variables as well as research surveys at sea),

Amendment

– an evaluation of the fishing sector (biological, ***economic, social*** and transversal variables ***throughout the value chain***, as well as research surveys at sea),

Amendment 232

Proposal for a regulation

Article 20 – paragraph 1 – point o – point i – indent 2

Text proposed by the Commission

– an evaluation of the economic situation of aquaculture and processing industries,

Amendment

– an evaluation of the economic ***and social*** situation of aquaculture and processing industries,

Amendment 233

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 ***and aquaculture sectors*** on the ecosystem ***to enable comparisons to be made between types of fishing and aquaculture activities and fleet segments according to the requirements of Regulation (EU) No .../.... [on the CFP].***

Amendment 234

Proposal for a regulation

Article 20 – paragraph 1 – point o – point iii

Text proposed by the Commission

(iii) a **demonstration** of the capability to achieve sound financial and administrative management of the data collected.

Amendment

(iii) a **justification** of the capability to achieve sound financial and administrative management of the data collected.

Amendment 235

Proposal for a regulation

Article 20 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

4. The Commission shall **lay down, by means of** implementing acts, rules for the presentation of the elements described in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3. These implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the **advisory** procedure referred to in Article 128(2).

Amendment

4. The Commission shall **adopt** implementing acts, **laying down** rules for the presentation of the elements described in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3. These implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the **examination** procedure referred to in Article 128(3).

Amendment 236

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 adopt implementing acts approving the operational programme **when it is satisfied that the requirements of paragraph 1 have been met. Once approved the operational programmes shall be made available to the public**.

Amendment 237

Proposal for a regulation

Article 22 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

For this purpose, the Commission shall adopt **a decision, by means of implementing act, detailing** the changes in

Amendment

For this purpose, the Commission shall **be empowered to adopt delegated acts, in accordance with Article 127, detailing** the

the priorities of the Union in the enforcement and control policy mentioned in Article 18(3) and the corresponding eligible operations to be prioritised.

changes in the priorities of the Union in the enforcement and control policy mentioned in Article 18(3) and the corresponding eligible operations to be prioritised.

Amendment 238

Proposal for a regulation

Article 22– paragraph 2 – subparagraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

Taking into account the new priorities laid down in the decision mentioned in the second sub-paragraph of this paragraph, Member States shall submit to the Commission by 31 October of the year preceding the year of implementation concerned, the amendment to the Operational Programme.

Amendment

Member States may amend their operational programme, taking into account the new priorities laid down in the decision mentioned in the second sub-paragraph of this paragraph. Member States shall submit **any such amendments** to the Commission by 31 October of the year preceding the year of implementation concerned.

Amendment 239

Proposal for a regulation

Article 23 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. For the purpose of application of Article 20(1)(o), Member States shall submit to the Commission **an annual work plan** before 31 October each year. Annual work plans shall contain a description of the procedures and methods to be used in collecting and analysing data and in estimating their accuracy and precision.

Amendment

1. For the purpose of application of Article 20(1)(o), Member States shall submit to the Commission, before 31 October each year, **an annual work plan or shall notify the Commission of the continuation of the plan that was in force the previous year.** Annual work plans shall **be drawn up within the framework of a multiannual national programme, in accordance with the Union programme and shall** contain a description of the procedures and methods to be used in collecting and analysing data and in estimating their accuracy and precision.

Amendment 240

Proposal for a regulation

Article 24 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 2 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) introduction or withdrawal of measures or types of operations;

Amendment

(b) introduction or withdrawal of measures or types of **relevant** operations **and the information and indicators related to them**;

Amendment 241

Proposal for a regulation

Article 24 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. These implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the **advisory** procedure referred to in Article 128(2).

Amendment

2. The implementing acts referred to in paragraph 1 shall be adopted in accordance with the **examination** procedure referred to in Article 128(3).

Amendment 242

Proposal for a regulation

Article 25 – title

Text proposed by the Commission

Annual work **programme**

Amendment

Multiannual operational programme and annual work programmes

Amendment 243

Proposal for a regulation

Article 25 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. **To implement** Chapters I and II of Title VI and Article 92, the Commission shall, **by means of implementing acts, adopt** annual work **programme** in accordance with objectives set out in those Chapters. **Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 128(3).**

Amendment

1. **In order to establish the details for the application of** Chapters I and II of Title VI and Article 92, the Commission shall **adopt delegated acts, in accordance with Article 127, setting up a multiannual operational programme, one of the tasks of which shall be to establish** annual work **programmes**, in accordance with **the** objectives set out in those Chapters.

Amendment 244

Proposal for a regulation

Article 25 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. The annual work **programme** shall set out the objectives pursued, the expected results, the method of implementation and its total amount. It shall also contain a description of the activities to be financed, an indication of the amount allocated to each activity, an indicative implementation timetable, as well as information on their implementation. It shall include for grants the priorities, the essential evaluation criteria and the maximum rate of co-financing.

Amendment

2. The **multiannual operational programme and the** annual work **programmes** shall set out the objectives pursued, the expected results, the method of implementation and its total amount. **They** shall also contain a description of the activities to be financed, an indication of the amount allocated to each activity **and** an indicative implementation timetable, as well as information on their implementation. **For grants, they** shall include the priorities, the essential evaluation criteria and the maximum rate of co-financing. **They shall furthermore include a requirement for annual reports on budget implementation.**

Amendment 245

Proposal for a regulation Article 27 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The owner of a fishing vessel having received support under Articles 32(1)(b), 36, 39(1)(a), or 40(2) of this Regulation shall not transfer the vessel to a third country outside the Union **during** at least 5 years following the date of actual payment to the beneficiary.

Amendment

1. The owner of a fishing vessel having received support under Articles 32, 36, 39 or 40 of this Regulation shall not transfer the vessel to a third country outside the Union **for** at least **five** years following the date of actual payment **of that support** to the beneficiary, **unless that support is reimbursed by the beneficiary on a pro rata temporis basis before such transfer. The first sentence of this paragraph shall be without prejudice to Article 135 of the [Financial Regulation].**

Amendment 618

Proposal for a regulation Article 27 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1a. The total financial contribution from the EMFF to the measures on Sustainable Young Employment

Programmes in the small scale fisheries referred to in Article 32(-1), temporary cessation referred to in Article 33A, the replacement or modernisation of main or ancillary engines referred to in Article 39 and permanent cessation shall not exceed 20 % of the Union financial assistance allocated per Member State.

Amendment 246

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 **and the processing industry**, the EMFF may support projects aiming at developing or introducing new or substantially improved **techniques, equipment or** products, **for example through designing innovative vessels, as well as** new or improved processes **and** new or improved management and organisation systems, **provided that such projects contribute to the objectives listed in Article 2 of Regulation (EU) No .../.... [on the CFP].**

Amendment 247

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 **by or** in collaboration with a scientific or technical body recognised by the Member State **or the Union** which shall validate the results of such operations.

Amendment 248

Proposal for a regulation

Article 28 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. The results of operations financed under this Article shall be subject *to* adequate publicity by the Member State according to Article 120.

Amendment

3. The results of operations financed under this Article shall be *the* subject *of publicly accessible reports, as well as* adequate publicity by the Member State according to Article 120.

Amendment 249

Proposal for a regulation

Article 28 – paragraph 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3a. The application procedure for innovation support shall be made more accessible in order to encourage more projects.

Amendment 250

Proposal for a regulation

Article 29 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1. In order to improve the overall performance and competitiveness of operators, the EMFF may support:

1. In order to improve the overall performance and competitiveness of operators *and to promote more sustainable fisheries*, the EMFF may support:

Amendment 251

Proposal for a regulation

Article 29 – paragraph 1 – point a a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(aa) the provision of professional advice on the development of more sustainable fishing practices, with a focus on limiting and, where possible, eliminating the impact of such activities on marine, terrestrial and freshwater ecosystems;

Amendment 252

Proposal for a regulation

Article 29 – paragraph 1 – point a b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ab) the provision of technical, legal or economic advisory services linked to projects potentially eligible for support under this Chapter;

Amendment 253

Proposal for a regulation

Article 29 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(b) the provision of professional advice on business and marketing strategies.

(b) the provision of professional advice on business and marketing strategies, ***including advice on promotion, marketing and public relations.***

Amendment 254

Proposal for a regulation

Article 29 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2. The feasibility studies ***and*** advice referred to ***respectively*** in paragraph 1(a) and (b) shall be provided by recognised scientific or technical bodies with the required advisory competences as recognised by the national law of each Member State.

2. The feasibility studies, advice ***and services*** referred to in ***points*** (a), ***(aa)***, ***(ab)*** and ***(b) of paragraph 1*** shall be provided by recognised scientific, ***academic, professional*** or technical bodies with the required advisory competences as recognised by the national law of each Member State.

Amendment 255

Proposal for a regulation

Article 29 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3. The support referred to in paragraph 1 shall be granted to operators ***or*** organisations of fishermen, recognised by the Member State, who commissioned the feasibility study referred to in paragraph 1.

3. The support referred to in paragraph 1 shall be granted to operators, organisations of fishermen ***or public law bodies*** recognised by the Member State, who commissioned the feasibility study ***or who requested the advice or advisory services*** referred to ***under points (a), (aa), (ab) and***

(b) of paragraph 1.

Amendment 256

Proposal for a regulation Article 29 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

4. Member States shall ensure that operations to be financed under this Article are selected through an accelerated procedure.

Amendment

4. Member States shall ensure that operations to be financed under this Article are selected through an accelerated procedure, ***in particular in the case of small scale coastal fisheries and inland fishing.***

Amendment 257

Proposal for a regulation Article 30 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

1. In order to foster the transfer of knowledge between scientists and fishermen, the EMFF may support:

Amendment

1. In order to foster the ***improved collection, promotion and*** transfer of knowledge between scientists and fishermen, the EMFF may support:

Amendment 258

Proposal for a regulation Article 30 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) the creation of ***a network composed by*** one or more independent scientific bodies and fishermen or one or more organisations of fishermen;

Amendment

(a) the creation of ***networks, partnership agreements, contracts or associations between*** one or more independent scientific bodies and fishermen or one or more organisations of fishermen, ***with the participation of those public bodies of Member States that wish to participate;***

Amendment 259

Proposal for a regulation Article 30 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) the activities carried out ***by a network***

Amendment

(b) the activities carried out ***in the***

as referred in point (a).

framework of the networks, partnership agreements, contracts or associations created in accordance with point (a).

Amendment 260

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 **and management** activities, **joint research projects**, studies, **pilot projects**, seminars, dissemination of knowledge and best practices.

Amendment 261

Proposal for a regulation

Article 31 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) lifelong learning, dissemination of scientific knowledge and innovative practices, and acquisition of new professional skills in particular linked to ***the sustainable management of marine ecosystems, activities in the maritime sector, innovation and entrepreneurship;***

Amendment

(a) ***actions and operations to promote professional training***, lifelong learning, dissemination of scientific, ***technical, economic or legal*** knowledge and innovative practices, and acquisition of new professional skills, in particular ***those*** linked to:

- ***the sustainable management of marine and inland water ecosystems;***
- ***activities in the maritime sector;***
- ***innovation;***
- ***entrepreneurship, especially access by young people to fishing professions;***
- ***hygiene, health and safety;***
- ***training fishermen to implement the provisions of the CFP;***
- ***the prevention of occupational risks.***

Amendment 262

Proposal for a regulation

Article 31 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) networking and exchange of experience and best practice between stakeholders including among organisations ***promoting*** equal opportunities between men and women;

Amendment

(b) networking and exchange of experience and best practice between stakeholders including among ***training*** organisations ***and those organisations that promote*** equal opportunities between men and women ***and the promotion and recognition of the crucial role performed by women in fishing communities;***

Amendment 263

Proposal for a regulation

Article 31 – paragraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) ***promoting the*** social dialogue at national, regional ***or*** local level involving ***fishermen*** and other relevant stakeholders.

Amendment

(c) ***the promotion of*** social dialogue at ***Union,*** national, regional ***and*** local level involving ***operators, the social partners*** and other relevant stakeholders, ***with particular reference to under-represented groups such as those involved in small scale coastal fishing and in on-foot fishing.***

Amendment 264

Proposal for a regulation

Article 32 – title

Text proposed by the Commission

Facilitating diversification and job creation

Amendment

Facilitating ***entrepreneurship,*** diversification and job creation

Amendment 619

Proposal for a regulation

Article 32 – paragraph -1 c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

-1c. In order to facilitate job creation for young people in the small scale fisheries sector, the EMFF may support:

(a) traineeship programmes on board

small scale coastal fleet;

(b) training on sustainable fishing such as sustainable fishing techniques, selectivity, marine biology, conservation of marine biological resources;

Amendment 620

Proposal for a regulation Article 32 – paragraph -1 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

-1b. People younger than 30 years of age and registered as unemployed and recognised as such by the relevant administration of a Member State shall be eligible for support under paragraph 1. The trainee shall be accompanied on board by a professional fisherman of at least 50 years of age;

Amendment 621

Proposal for a regulation Article 32 – paragraph -1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

-1 a. Support under paragraph 1 shall be granted to each beneficiary for a maximum period of two years during the programming period and for a maximum of EUR 40 000;

Amendment 622

Proposal for a regulation Article 32 – paragraph -1 (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

-1. Two-thirds of the traineeship programme shall comprise training on board and one-third shall comprise courses of theory.

Amendment 266

Proposal for a regulation

Article 32 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

1. In order to facilitate diversification **and job creation outside fishing**, the EMFF may support:

Amendment

1. In order to facilitate diversification, the EMFF may **also** support **complementary activities related to the core fishing business through**:

Amendment 267

Proposal for a regulation

Article 32 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) business start-ups outside fishing;

Amendment

(a) investments on board in activities that complement fishing, such as environmental services and educational or tourism activities;

Amendment 268

Proposal for a regulation

Article 32 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) retrofitting of small scale coastal fishing vessels in order to reassign them **for** activities outside fishing.

Amendment

(b) retrofitting of small scale coastal fishing vessels in order to reassign them **to** activities outside **commercial** fishing.

Amendment 269

Proposal for a regulation

Article 32 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) retrofitting of small scale coastal fishing vessels in order to reassign them for activities outside fishing.

Amendment

(Does not affect English version.)

Amendment 270

Proposal for a regulation

Article 32 – paragraph 2 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

2. Support under paragraph 1 (a) shall be

Amendment

2. Support under **paragraph –1 and**

granted to fishermen who:

paragraph 1 (a) shall be granted to fishermen who:

Amendment 271

Proposal for a regulation

Article 32 – paragraph 2 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) submit a business plan for the development of their **new** activities;

Amendment

(a) submit a business plan for the development of their activities;

Amendment 272

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 permanently withdrawn.***

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 60 days during the two **calendar** years preceding the date of submission of the application.

Amendment 273

Proposal for a regulation

Article 32 – paragraph 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3a. Support under paragraph 1(c) shall be granted only to fishermen provided that the complementary activities to fishing relate to the core fishing business, such as angling tourism, restaurants, fishing environmental services or educational activities on fishing.

Amendment 274

Proposal for a regulation

Article 32 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

4. Beneficiaries of the support referred to in paragraph 1 shall not engage in professional fishing in the five years following the reception of the last payment of the support.

Amendment

deleted

Amendment 276

Proposal for a regulation Article 32 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 32a

Start-up support for young fishermen

1. The EMFF may grant individual support to young fishermen on condition that they:

- are younger than 35 years;***
- demonstrate that they have worked for at least five years as fisherman or have equivalent professional training;***
- acquired, for the first time, ownership of a small scale coastal fishing vessel which is between five and 20 years old and has carried out fishing activities during the five previous years.***

2. The fishing vessel referred to in paragraph 1 shall belong to a fleet segment for which the capacity report, referred to in Article 34(1) of Regulation (EU) No .../... [on CFP], shows that fishing opportunities and fleet capacity are in equilibrium.

3. The amount of the support referred to in paragraph 1 shall not exceed EUR 100 000.

Amendment 278

Proposal for a regulation

Article 33 – title

Text proposed by the Commission

Health and safety on board

Amendment

Health, *hygiene* and safety on board

Amendment 279

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

Amendment 280

Proposal for a regulation

Article 33 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1a. In order to improve care for fishermen in the event of an accident, the EMFF may promote joint projects to make medical training widely available to entire crews.

Amendment 281

Proposal for a regulation

Article 33 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 33a

Temporary cessation of fishing activities

1. The EMFF shall only contribute to financing measures for the temporary cessation of fishing activities in the following cases :

(a) acting within the scope of a

multiannual plan as defined in Regulation (EU) No .../.... [on the CFP];

(b) when the Commission has adopted emergency pursuant to Article 13 of Regulation (EU) No .../.... [on the CFP];

(c) during biological recovery periods at given critical phases of the life cycles of species, where such measures are necessary for the sustainable exploitation of fishery resources, helping to sustain stocks and allowing fishing to continue outside such rest periods.

Support shall be granted by means of financial compensation for the period of inactivity.

2. The duration of the measures referred to in paragraph 1 shall be determined on the basis of the best available scientific research concerning the status of stocks.

3. The recurrent seasonal suspension of fishing periods which is not covered by paragraph 1(c) shall not be taken into account when granting compensation or making payments under this Article.

4. The EMFF may contribute to the financing of the measures referred to in paragraph 1 for affected fishermen and owners of fishing vessels, for a maximum period of six months per vessel throughout the programming period. The support shall be granted to:

(a) the owners of fishing vessels included in the Union Fleet Register who have engaged in fishing activities for at least 120 days preceding the submission of the application for support; and

(b) crew members who have worked on board a fishing vessel affected by temporary cessation of activities under the conditions referred to in point (a) of this paragraph.

4. During periods when the support referred to in paragraph 1 is being received, the fishing vessel and the crew members affected shall not engage in any fishing activity. Member States shall

ensure that activity has ceased.

Amendment 623

Proposal for a regulation Article 33 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 33 b

Mutual funds for the purpose of insurance

1. The EMFF may contribute to mutual funds recognised by a Member State in accordance with its national law which enable fishermen who are affiliated members to insure themselves against losses caused by:

(a) natural disasters;

(b) environmental or health incidents;

(c) the rescue costs for fishing vessels which had accidents during their activities or sank, resulting in the loss of victims at sea;

(d) specific social and economic measures proposed by the Member States for fishermen onboard vessels which sank as a result of accidents at sea.

2. Events shall be formally recognised as natural disasters or environmental or health incidents by the Member State concerned or, if they so require, by the internal rules of the mutual fund. Member States may, where appropriate, establish criteria in advance based on which such formal recognition shall be deemed to be granted.

Amendment 624

Proposal for a regulation Article 33 c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 33 c

Permanent cessation of fishing activities

1. The EMFF may contribute to the financing of measures for permanent cessation of fishing activities only through scrapping of fishing vessels on the condition that the decommissioning scheme:

(a) is included in the operational programme as established in Article 20; and

(b) concerns vessels included in a segment where fishing capacity is not effectively balanced with fishing opportunities available to that segment for the period of the long term management plan; and

2. Support under paragraph 1 shall be granted to:

(a) owners of Union fishing vessels registered as active and which have carried out fishing activities at sea at least 120 days per year during the last two calendar years preceding the date of submission of the application, or

(b) fishermen who have worked at sea on board a Union fishing vessel concerned by the permanent cessation for at least 120 days per year during the last two calendar years preceding the date of submission of the application.

3. The fisherman, owner or enterprise concerned shall effectively cease all fishing activities. The proof of the effective cessation of fishing activities shall be provided to the competent national authority by the beneficiaries of such aid. The compensation shall be refunded on a pro rata temporis basis where a fisherman or an enterprise returns to a fishing activity within a period of less than two years from the date of submission of the application.

4. Public aid under this Article may be granted until 31 December 2016.

5. Support under this Article shall be paid only after the equivalent capacity has been permanently removed from the Union fishing vessel register and the fishing licenses and authorisations have

been also permanently removed. The beneficiary of such aid cannot register a new fishing vessel within five years following the receipt of such aid. The decrease in capacity shall result in the permanent equivalent reduction of the capacity ceiling of the fleet segment.

6. Traditional and wooden vessels shall not be eligible for support under this Article.

Amendment 283

Proposal for a regulation

Article 34

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 34

deleted

Support to systems of transferable 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:

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

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.

Amendment 284

Proposal for a regulation

Article 35 – title

Text proposed by the Commission

Support *to* the implementation of conservation measures under the CFP

Amendment

Support *for* the **design and** implementation of conservation measures under the CFP

Amendment 285

Proposal for a regulation

Article 35 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

1. 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:

Amendment

1. In order to ensure efficient **design and** implementation of **the CFP's priorities on regionalisation and** conservation measures **adopted** under the [Regulation on Common Fisheries Policy], **including the multiannual plans**, the EMFF may support:

Amendment 286

Proposal for a regulation

Article 35 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) the design **and** development of technical and administrative means necessary for the implementation of conservation measures in the meaning of **Articles 17 and 21** of the [Regulation on Common Fisheries Policy];

Amendment

(a) the design, development **and monitoring** of technical and administrative means necessary for the **drafting and** implementation of **the multiannual plans and** conservation measures in the meaning of the [Regulation on Common Fisheries Policy];

Amendment 287

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 pursuant to Regulation (EU) No .../...

[on CFP];

Amendment 288

Proposal for a regulation

Article 35 – paragraph 1 – point a b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ab) the implementation of biological recovery periods;

Amendments 289 and 612

Proposal for a regulation

Article 35 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

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

(b) stakeholder participation ***and cooperation between Member States*** in designing and implementing ***the multiannual plans and*** conservation measures in the meaning of the [Regulation on Common Fisheries Policy], ***including through multi-stakeholder co-management committees.***

Amendment 640

Proposal for a regulation

Article 35 – paragraph 1 – point b a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ba) the design, development and implementation of allocation criteria under Article 16a (new) of the [Regulation on Common Fisheries Policy].

Amendment 291

Proposal for a regulation

Article 36 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1. In order to reduce the impact of fishing on the marine environment, foster the elimination of discards and facilitate the

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:

transition to **a sustainable** 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 **research and** investments in equipment, **instruments or systems**:

Amendment 292

Proposal for a regulation

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

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(aa) replacing the fishing gear provided that the new gear has a more appropriate size, a better species selectivity, a limited impact on the marine environment and vulnerable marine ecosystems and does not increase the capacity of the fishing vessel to catch fish;

Amendment 293

Proposal for a regulation

Article 36 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

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

(b) reducing unwanted **or unauthorised** catches of commercial stocks or other by-catches, **with an emphasis on the development and introduction of devices to reduce these catches;**

Amendment 294

Proposal for a regulation

Article 36 – paragraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

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

(c) limiting **and, where possible, eliminating** the physical and biological impacts of fishing on the ecosystem or the sea bed, **particularly in areas identified as biogeographically sensitive;**

Amendment 295

Proposal for a regulation

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

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ca) protecting gear and catches from mammals and birds protected by Council Directive 92/43/EEC of 21 May 1992 on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora¹ or Directive 2009/147/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 November 2009 on the conservation of wild birds², provided that it does not undermine the selectivity of the fishing gear and that all appropriate measures are taken to avoid physical damage to the predators.

¹ OJ L 206 , 22.7.1992 p.7.

² OJ L 20, 26.1.2010, p. 7.

Amendment 296

Proposal for a regulation

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

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(cb) reducing the negative impact of fishing activities on animal welfare.

Amendment 297

Proposal for a regulation

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

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(cc) contributing to the assessment of fish stocks.

Amendment 298

Proposal for a regulation

Article 36 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1a. In the outermost regions, the support referred to in paragraph 1 may be granted to anchored fish aggregating devices (FADs) only if they contribute to sustainable and selective fishing.

Amendment 299

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 demonstrably ***has a substantially*** better size–selection ***and a*** lower impact on ***the ecosystem and on*** non–target species than the standard gear or other equipment, ***instruments or systems*** 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].

Amendment 300

Proposal for a regulation

Article 36 – paragraph 4 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(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;

(b) fishermen who own the gear, ***instruments or systems*** 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 301

Proposal for a regulation

Article 36 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 36a

Support to mitigate the economic impact of exceptional events

In order to mitigate the economic impact of an exceptional event that prevents normal fishery from being conducted, support may be granted under the EMFF to fishing vessel owners and fishermen for the temporary suspension of fisheries activities. The implementation of fish stock conservation measures shall not be considered to be an exceptional event.

Amendment 574/REV

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 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 ***and to reduce the impact of fishing on the marine environment and the impact of protected predators***, the EMFF may support ***schemes and*** projects ***that aim to develop, improve or introduce*** new technical or organisational knowledge reducing impacts of fishing activities on the environment, ***including improved fishing techniques and improved selectivity of fishing operations, or to achieve*** a more sustainable use of marine biological resources ***and coexistence with protected predators, based on an ecosystem-approach to fisheries management.***

Amendment 303

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, **which may be implemented by organisations of fishermen recognised by a Member State, shall** be carried out in collaboration with a scientific or technical body recognised by each Member State which shall validate the results of such operations.

Amendment 304

Proposal for a regulation

Article 37 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. The results of operations financed under this Article shall be **the subject to adequate publicity** by the Member State according to Article 120.

Amendment

3. The results of operations financed under this Article shall be **made publicly available** by the Member State according to Article 120.

Amendment 305

Proposal for a regulation

Article 37 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

4. Fishing vessels involved in projects financed under this Article shall not exceed 5 % of the vessels of the national fleet or 5 % of the national fleet tonnage in gross tonnage, calculated at the time of submission of the application.

Amendment

4. Fishing vessels involved in projects financed under this Article shall not exceed 5 % of the vessels of the national fleet or 5 % of the national fleet tonnage in gross tonnage, calculated at the time of submission of the application. **At the request of a Member State, in duly justified circumstances and on the basis of a recommendation by the STECF, the Commission may approve projects that exceed the limits set in this paragraph.**

Amendment 306

Proposal for a regulation

Article 37 – paragraph 5

Text proposed by the Commission

5. Operations consisting of testing new fishing gear or techniques shall be carried out within the limits of the fishing opportunities allocated to the Member State.

Amendment

5. Operations consisting of testing new fishing gear or techniques shall be carried out within the limits of the fishing opportunities allocated to the Member State **or within the quota for scientific research pursuant to Article 33(6) of Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009.**

Amendment 625

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 protection and restoration of marine biodiversity and ecosystems including the services they provide in the framework of sustainable fishing activities, **and, where relevant, the participation of fishermen**, the EMFF may support the following operations **which have a direct effect on the activities of the fishing sector:**

Amendment 626

Proposal for a regulation

Article 38 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) collection of waste from the sea such as the removal of lost fishing gears and marine litter;

Amendment

(a) collection, **by fishermen**, of waste from the sea such as the removal of lost fishing gears and marine litter;

Amendment 627

Proposal for a regulation

Article 38 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) the construction **or** installation of static or movable facilities intended to protect and enhance marine fauna and flora;

Amendment

(b) the construction, installation **or modernisation** of static or movable facilities **that can be easily dismantled and which are** intended to protect and enhance

marine fauna and flora, *and scientific studies and evaluations of such facilities*;

Amendment 628

Proposal for a regulation

Article 38 – paragraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) the contribution to a better management or conservation of resources;

Amendment

(c) the contribution to a better management or conservation of *marine biological* resources;

Amendment 629

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 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

(d) *the identification, selection, management, restoration and monitoring of*:

Amendment 630

Proposal for a regulation

Article 38 – paragraph 1 – point d – point i (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(i) *NATURA 2000 sites in accordance with Council Directive 92/43/EEC and Directive 2009/147/EC or in accordance with prioritised action frameworks established pursuant to Council Directive 92/43/EEC, where operations are related to fishing activities*,

Amendment 631

Proposal for a regulation

Article 38 – paragraph 1 – point d – point ii (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ii) marine protected areas in view of the implementation of the spatial protection measures related to fishing activities referred to in Article 13(4) of Directive 2008/56/EC;

Amendment 632

Proposal for a regulation

Article 38 – paragraph 1 – point e

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(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;

(e) the participation in other actions aimed at maintaining and enhancing biodiversity and ecosystem services, in connection with Union action in the field of marine environment policy and consistent with an ecosystem-based approach to fisheries management, such as the restoration of specific marine and coastal habitats in support of sustainable fish stocks, including the preparation of such actions and their scientific evaluation;

Amendment 633

Proposal for a regulation

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

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ea) environmental awareness involving fishermen with regard to protection and restoration of marine biodiversity.

Amendment 575/REV

Proposal for a regulation

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

(eb) schemes for the compensation of damage to catches caused by mammals and birds protected by the Council Directive 92/43/EEC of 21 May 1992 on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora or Council and European Parliament Directive 2009/147/EC of 30 November 2009 on the conservation of wild birds;

Amendment 308

Proposal for a regulation Article 38 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2. Operations under this Article shall be implemented by public law bodies and shall involve fishermen **or** organisations of fishermen, recognised by the Member State, or non-governmental organisation in partnership with organisations of fishermen or FLAGs as defined under Article 62.

2. Operations under this Article shall be implemented by ***technical or scientific*** public law bodies and shall involve fishermen, ***Advisory Councils***, organisations of fishermen recognised by the Member State, or non-governmental organisation in partnership with organisations of fishermen or FLAGs as defined under Article 62

Amendment 309

Proposal for a regulation Article 39 – title

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Mitigation of climate change

Energy efficiency and reduction of capacity

Amendment 310

Proposal for a regulation Article 39 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1. In order to ***mitigate the effects of climate change*** the EMFF may support:

1. In order to ***improve the energy efficiency of fishing vessels***, the EMFF may support:

Amendment 311

Proposal for a regulation

Article 39 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

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

Amendment

(a) investments ***in equipment or*** on board, aimed at reducing the emission of pollutants or green-house gases and increasing energy efficiency of fishing vessels, ***including the withdrawal, replacement or modernisation of main or ancillary engines, provided that the power of the new engine is at least 40 % lower than that of the engine replaced;***

Amendment 312

Proposal for a regulation

Article 39 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) energy efficiency audits and schemes.

Amendment

(b) energy efficiency audits, ***advice*** and schemes, ***provided that they do not lead to an increase in fishing effort.***

Amendment 313

Proposal for a regulation

Article 39 – paragraph 1 – point b a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ba) the protection and restoration of seagrass beds and coastal wetlands which are carbon sinks of critical importance in mitigating the negative impact of climate change;

Amendment 314

Proposal for a regulation

Article 39 – paragraph 1 – point b b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(bb) replacement of high energy consuming fishing gears with lower energy consuming ones, provided that

changes do not result in an increase in the fishing capacity of the fishing unit and that the replaced fishing gear is confiscated and destroyed;

Amendment 315

Proposal for a regulation

Article 39 – paragraph 1 – point b c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(bc) independent evaluations and audits of the energy footprint of fish products in the market place in order to allow consumers to differentiate fish products coming from fishing methods which are less energy intensive.

Amendment 641

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 only be granted to owners of *small-scale coastal* fishing vessels and not more than once during the programming period for the same fishing vessel..

Amendment 317

Proposal for a regulation

Article 39 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 127 *in order to define* the investments eligible under paragraph 1(a).

3. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts, in accordance with Article 127, *fixing* the investments eligible under paragraph 1(a) *and laying down detailed rules for the application of the criteria set out in this Article.*

Amendment 318

Proposal for a regulation

Article 40 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. In order to improve the quality of *the fish caught* the EMFF may support *investments on board for this purpose*.

Amendment

1. In order to improve the *added value and the* quality of *commercial catches*, the EMFF may support:

(a) investments which add value to fishing products, in particular by allowing fishermen to carry out the processing, marketing and direct sale of their own catches;

(b) innovative investments on board which improve the quality and conservation of fishing products;

Amendment 319

Proposal for a regulation

Article 40 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. *In order to improve the use of unwanted catches the* EMFF may support investments on board to make the best use of unwanted catches of commercial stocks and valorise underused components of fish caught, in line with Article 15 of the [Regulation on Common Fisheries Policy] and Article 8(b) of the [Regulation (EU) No on the common organisation of the markets in fishery and aquaculture products].

Amendment

2. *The* EMFF may support investments on board to *improve handling, storing and landing of unwanted catches, to* make the best use of unwanted catches of commercial stocks and *to* valorise underused components of fish caught, in line with Article 15 of the [Regulation on Common Fisheries Policy] and Article 8(b) of the [Regulation (EU) No on the common organisation of the markets in fishery and aquaculture products].

Amendment 320

Proposal for a regulation

Article 40 – paragraph 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2a. Support under paragraph 1(b) shall be conditional upon the use of selective gears to minimise unwanted catch.

Amendment 321

Proposal for a regulation

Article 40 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

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

Amendment

4. The support referred to in paragraph 1**(b)** shall only be granted to owners of Union fishing vessels whose vessels have carried **out** a fishing activity for at least 60 days at sea during the two **calendar** years preceding the date of submission of the application.

Amendment 603

Proposal for a regulation

Article 41 - title

Text proposed by the Commission

Fishing ports, landing sites **and** shelters

Amendment

Fishing ports, landing sites, **auction halls**, shelters **and other land-based support infrastructure**

Amendment 604

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. The EMFF may support investments **improving existing infrastructure, such as fishing ports, landing sites, auction halls and other land-based support infrastructure**, including investments in facilities for waste and marine litter collection.

Amendment 323

Proposal for a regulation

Article 41 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. In order to facilitate the use of unwanted catches the EMFF may support investments in fishing ports and landing sites which enable to make the best use of unwanted catches of commercial stocks and which valorise under-used components of the fish caught, in line with Article 15 of the [Regulation on Common Fisheries Policy] and Article 8(b) of the [Regulation (EU) No on the common organisation of the markets in fishery and aquaculture products].

Amendment

2. Investments may concern:

- (a) the improvement of the quality, freshness and traceability of landed products;**
- (b) the improvement of landing, processing, storage and auction conditions;**
- (c) the use of unwanted catches of commercial stocks and the putting to better use of under-used components of catches, in line with Article 15 of the Regulation (EU) No .../.... [on CFP] and Article 8(b) of Regulation (EU) No .../.... [on the common organisation of the markets in fishery and aquaculture products];**
- (d) energy efficiency;**
- (e) environmental protection, notably the collection, storage and treatment of waste and marine litter;**
- (f) the improvement of hygiene, health and safety;**
- (g) the improvement of working conditions;**
- (h) the supply of ice, water and electricity;**
- (i) equipment for repairing and maintenance of fishing vessels;**
- (j) the construction, modernisation and extension of quays to improve safety during landing or loading;**
- (k) the computerised management of**

fishing activities;

(l) the networking of fishing ports, landing sites and auction halls.

Amendment 324

Proposal for a regulation

Article 41 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 41 a

Protection of maritime heritage

1. In order to support and promote traditional maritime crafts related to fisheries and to preserve or maintain operational vessels that are covered by the protection of the maritime heritage of a Member State, the EMFF may support:

(a) training and investments for the support of traditional shipyards and traditional maritime crafts;

(b) investments on board that aim to restore traditional wooden fishing vessels without increasing the fishing capacity of those vessels;

(c) Investments for the safekeeping and maintenance of traditional fishing vessels that are covered by the protection of maritime heritage and that have been decommissioned.

2. Support shall be granted only to the owners of shipyards and fishing vessels and only once during the programming period for the same fishing vessel.

3. Member States shall ensure that vessels receiving support under paragraph 1 (b) continue to operate.

Amendment 325

Proposal for a regulation

Article 42 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1. In order to reduce the impact of inland

1. In order to reduce the impact of inland

fishing on the environment, increase energy efficiency, increase the quality of fish landed, or to improve safety *or* working conditions, the EMFF may support the following investments:

fishing on the environment, *to* increase energy efficiency, *to* increase the quality of fish landed, or to improve *health*, safety, working conditions, *human capital and training*, the EMFF may support the following investments:

Amendment 326

Proposal for a regulation

Article 42 – paragraph 1 – point a a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(aa) promotion of human capital and social dialogue subject to the conditions set out in Article 31;

Amendment 327

Proposal for a regulation

Article 42 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(b) in equipment as referred to in Article 36 and under the conditions set out in *that Article*;

(b) in equipment *and projects* as referred to in Article 36 *and Article 37* and under the conditions set out in *those Articles*;

Amendment 328

Proposal for a regulation

Article 42 – paragraph 1 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(d) on *existing* ports and landing sites as referred to in Article 41 and under the conditions set out in that Article.

(d) on *fishing* ports, *shelters* and landing sites as referred to in Article 41 and under the conditions set out in that Article;

Amendment 329

Proposal for a regulation

Article 42 – paragraph 1 – point d a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(da) in improvements of the value or quality of fish caught as referred to in Article 40 and subject to the conditions set

out in that Article.

Amendment 330

Proposal for a regulation Article 42 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1a. The EMFF may support investments relating to entrepreneurship as referred to in Article 32 and subject to the same conditions as set out in that Article.

Amendment 331

Proposal for a regulation Article 42 – paragraph 1 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1b. The EMFF may support the development and facilitation of innovation in accordance with Article 28, the advisory services in accordance with Article 29 and partnerships between scientists and fishermen in accordance with Article 30.

Amendment 332

Proposal for a regulation Article 42 – paragraph 2 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a) References made in Articles 33, 36 and 39 to fishing vessels shall be understood as references to vessels operating exclusively in inland water;

(a) References made in Articles 33, 36, **37**, 39 **and 40** to fishing vessels shall be understood as references to vessels operating exclusively in inland water;

Amendment 333

Proposal for a regulation Article 42 – paragraph 2 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(b) References made in Article 36 to the marine environment shall be understood as references to the environment in which the

(b) References made in Article 36 to the marine environment shall be understood as references to the environment in which

inland fishing vessel *operates*.

inland fishing *is carried out*.

Amendment 334

Proposal for a regulation Article 42 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. In order to sustain diversification by inland fishermen, the EMFF may support the ***reassignment of vessels operating in inland fishing to other activities outside fishing under the conditions of Article 32 of this Regulation.***

Amendment

3. In order to sustain diversification by inland fishermen, the EMFF may support the ***diversification of inland fishing activities complementary to other activities outside fishing subject to the conditions of Article 32 of this Regulation.***

Amendment 634

Proposal for a regulation Article 42 – paragraph 5

Text proposed by the Commission

5. In order to protect and develop aquatic fauna and flora, the EMFF may support ***the participation of inland fishermen in managing, restoring and monitoring NATURA 2000 sites where these areas directly concern fishing activities as well as the rehabilitation of inland waters, including spawning grounds and migration routes for migratory species, without prejudice of Article 38(1)(d).***

Amendment

5. In order to protect and develop aquatic fauna and flora, the EMFF may support:

Amendment 635

Proposal for a regulation Article 42 – paragraph 5 – point a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a) without prejudice to Article 38(1)(d), the management, restoration and monitoring of NATURA 2000 sites where these areas directly concern fishing activities as well as the rehabilitation of inland waters, including spawning grounds and migration routes for migratory species and where relevant including the participation of inland

fishermen;

Amendment 636

Proposal for a regulation

Article 42 – paragraph 5 – point b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(b) the construction, modernisation or installation of static or movable facilities intended to protect and enhance aquatic fauna and flora, including their scientific monitoring and evaluation.

Amendment 336

Proposal for a regulation

Article 42 – paragraph 6

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

6. Member States shall ensure that vessels receiving support under this Article continue to operate exclusively in inland waters.

6. Without prejudice to paragraph 3, Member States shall ensure that vessels receiving support under this Article continue to operate exclusively in inland waters.

Amendment 337

Proposal for a regulation

Article 44 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1. Support under this Chapter shall be limited to aquaculture enterprises unless otherwise expressly established.

1. Support under this Chapter shall be limited to *sustainable* aquaculture enterprises, *including those operated by entrepreneurs entering the sector referred to in paragraph 1a, and to organisations made up of aquaculture producers and entrepreneurs*, unless otherwise expressly established. *Support shall not be granted to operators who have committed serious infringements of Union environmental law.*

Amendment 338

Proposal for a regulation

Article 44 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1a. For the purposes of this Article, entrepreneurs entering the sector shall submit a business plan and, where the amount of the investment exceeds EUR 150 000, a feasibility study.

Amendment 589

Proposal for a regulation Article 44 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2. Where operations consist of investments 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.

2. Support shall be limited to investments in equipment or infrastructure which have demonstrably a lower impact on the environment or a better performance with respect to human or animal health, hygiene or animal welfare than is required under Union law.

Support shall not be granted to aquaculture operations using genetically modified organisms.

Support shall not be granted to any intensive aquaculture operation in marine protected areas or fish stock recovery areas.

Amendment 340

Proposal for a regulation Article 45 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1. In order to stimulate innovation in aquaculture, the EMFF may support operations:

(a) ***introducing new*** technical or organisational knowledge in aquaculture farms which reduces ***their*** impact on the environment ***or*** fosters a ***more*** sustainable

1. In order to stimulate innovation in ***sustainable*** aquaculture, the EMFF may support ***projects that aim to:***

(a) ***develop*** technical, ***scientific*** or organisational knowledge in aquaculture farms, which, ***in particular,*** reduces ***the*** impact on the environment, ***reduces***

use of resources in aquaculture;

(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.

dependence on fish meal and oil, fosters a sustainable use of resources in aquaculture *or facilitates new sustainable production methods*;

(b) *develop* or *introduce* in the market new or substantially improved products, new or improved processes, new or improved management and organisation systems *as well as innovations or improvements in the production and processing of aquaculture products*;

(ba) explore the technical or economic feasibility of innovations, products or processes.

Amendment 341

Proposal for a regulation Article 45 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

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

Amendment

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

Amendment 342

Proposal for a regulation Article 45 – paragraph 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3a. The EMFF shall provide a financial contribution for development and innovation in aquaculture, implemented under multiannual strategic plans drawn up by Member States.

Amendment 343

Proposal for a regulation

Article 46 – title

Text proposed by the Commission

Investments in *off–shore and non–food* aquaculture

Amendment

Investments in aquaculture

Amendment 344

Proposal for a regulation Article 46 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. In order to foster forms of aquaculture with high growth potential, the EMFF may support *investment in the development of* off–shore or non food aquaculture.

Amendment

1. In order to foster forms of *sustainable* aquaculture with high growth potential, the EMFF may support : –

(a) productive investments in aquaculture, including in off–shore or non food aquaculture;

(b) diversification of production and of the species exploited as well as studies on yield and location suitability.

Amendment 345

Proposal for a regulation Article 46 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1a. Support under paragraph 1 may be granted for the increase in production and/or modernisation of existing aquaculture enterprises or the construction of new ones provided that the development is consistent with the multiannual national strategic plan for the development of aquaculture.

Amendment 346

Proposal for a regulation Article 46 – paragraph 1 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1b. Support under this Article shall be granted only where it has been clearly

demonstrated in an independent marketing report that good sustainable market prospects exist for the product. The enterprises created shall be economically viable and shall not contribute to overproduction in the sector.

Amendment 347

Proposal for a regulation

Article 47 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

1. In order to foster entrepreneurship in aquaculture, the EMFF may support investments contributing to:

Amendment

1. In order to foster entrepreneurship in *sustainable* aquaculture, the EMFF may support investments contributing to:

Amendment 348

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, *for example* by *supporting* the aquaculture *sector in carrying* out the processing, marketing and direct sale of its own aquaculture production, *or in establishing associations or association agreements for such processing*;

Amendment 349

Proposal for a regulation

Article 47 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

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

Amendment

(b) diversification of the income of *the* aquaculture *sector* through the development of new *native* aquaculture species *in their respective areas offering added value and* with good market *and environmental* prospects;

Amendment 350

Proposal for a regulation

Article 47 – paragraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

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

Amendment

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

Amendment 351

Proposal for a regulation

Article 47 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. Support under paragraph 1(c) shall be granted only to aquaculture enterprises provided that the complementary activities outside aquaculture relate to the core aquaculture *business of enterprise*, such as angling tourism, aquaculture environmental services or educational activities on aquaculture.

Amendment

2. Support under paragraph 1(c) shall be granted only to aquaculture enterprises provided that the complementary activities outside aquaculture relate to the core aquaculture *production or marketing*, such as angling tourism, aquaculture environmental services or educational activities on aquaculture.

Amendment 352

Proposal for a regulation

Article 48 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

1. In order to improve the overall performance and competitiveness of aquaculture farms, the EMFF may support:

Amendment

1. In order to improve the overall performance and competitiveness of aquaculture farms *and to reduce the environmental impact of their operations*, the EMFF may support:

Amendment 353

Proposal for a regulation

Article 48 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

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

Amendment

(b) the provision of farm advisory services of technical, scientific, legal, *environmental* or economic nature.

Amendment 637

Proposal for a regulation

Article 48 – paragraph 1 – point b a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ba) the improvement of working conditions taking into account the ILO rules;

Amendment 638

Proposal for a regulation

Article 48 – paragraph 1 – point b b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(bb) the promotion of professional training and access to work for young people and women in the fishing and aquaculture sector.

Amendment 354

Proposal for a regulation

Article 48 – paragraph 2 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(d) health and safety standards based on Union and national legislation;

(d) health, ***hygiene*** and safety standards based on Union and national legislation;

Amendment 355

Proposal for a regulation

Article 48 – paragraph 2 – point e a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ea) the promotion of equal opportunities, especially with regard to gender equality and the integration of disabled people;

Amendment 356

Proposal for a regulation

Article 48 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. Support under paragraph (1)(a) shall only be granted to public law bodies selected to set up the farm advisory services. Support under paragraph (1)(b) shall only be granted to aquaculture SMEs **or** aquaculture producer's organisations.

Amendment

3. Support under paragraph (1)(a) shall only be granted to public law bodies selected to set up the farm advisory services **or to professional organisations recognised by the Member State**. Support under paragraph (1)(b) shall only be granted to aquaculture SMEs, **aquaculture professional organisations recognised by the Member State**, aquaculture producer's organisations **or associations of aquaculture producer organisations**.

Amendment 357

Proposal for a regulation

Article 48 – paragraph 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3a. When the support to be granted does not exceed EUR 4 000, the beneficiary may be selected through an accelerated procedure.

Amendment 358

Proposal for a regulation

Article 48 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

4. Aquaculture farms shall not receive support for the advisory services more than once for each category of services covered under paragraph 2 (a) to (e) during the programming period.

deleted

Amendment 359

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

(a) **professional training**, lifelong learning, **the** dissemination of scientific **and technical** knowledge and innovative

professional skills in aquaculture;

practices, *the* acquisition of new professional skills in aquaculture, *the improvement of working conditions, the promotion of occupational safety and the reduction of the environmental impact of aquaculture operations*;

Amendment 360

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 practice among aquaculture enterprises or professional organisations and other *private or public* stakeholders, including scientific, *technical and training* bodies or those promoting equal opportunities between men and women.

Amendment 361

Proposal for a regulation Article 49 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2. Support referred to in paragraph 1(a) shall not be granted to large aquaculture enterprises.

deleted

Amendment 362

Proposal for a regulation Article 50 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

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

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

Amendment 363

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) **the** identification and mapping of most suitable areas for developing **sustainable** aquaculture **with low environmental impact**, where applicable, taking into account maritime spatial planning processes, **as well as follow-up actions for environmental interactions during the production phase of aquaculture activities**;

Amendment 364

Proposal for a regulation

Article 50 – paragraph 1 – point a a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(aa) the identification and mapping of areas, such as nursery grounds, coastal spawning areas, marine protected areas, Natura 2000 sites or fish stock recovery areas where intensive aquaculture activities should be excluded in order to maintain the role of such areas in the functioning of the ecosystem ;

Amendment 365

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) **the** improvement and development of **the** support installations and infrastructures necessary for increasing the potential of aquaculture sites and decreasing the ecological footprint of aquaculture, including through investment in land consolidation, energy supply or water management;

Amendment 366

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) action taken by competent authorities **aiming to mitigate 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 367

Proposal for a regulation Article 50 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. **Beneficiaries of** support under this Article shall only be public law bodies.

Amendment

2. **Eligibility for** support under this Article shall be **limited to** public law bodies **or private organisations entrusted by a Member State to carry out the activities referred to in points (a), (aa) and (b) of paragraph 1.**

Amendment 368

Proposal for a regulation Article 51 – title

Text proposed by the Commission

Encouraging new aquaculture **farmers**

Amendment

Encouraging new **farmers in the sector of sustainable** aquaculture **and aquaculture processing**

Amendment 369

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 **or cooperatives** by new starting farmers, **including in the related processing sector, with particular focus on young aquaculturists and gender**

equality.

Amendment 370

Proposal for a regulation

Article 51 – paragraph 2 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

2. Support 1 shall be granted to aquaculture farmers entering the sector provided that they:

Amendment

2. Support *under paragraph* 1 shall be granted to aquaculture farmers entering the sector provided that they:

Amendment 371

Proposal for a regulation

Article 51 – paragraph 2 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) are setting up for the first time *an aquaculture* micro or small enterprise as heads of such enterprise;

Amendment

(b) are setting up for the first time *a* micro or small enterprise *in the sector of aquaculture or in the related processing sector*, as heads of such enterprise;

Amendment 372

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 and environmentally credible* business plan for the development of their aquaculture activities, *including a plan on how to minimise the ecological footprint of their activity*.

Amendment 373

Proposal for a regulation

Article 52 – title

Text proposed by the Commission

Promotion of aquaculture with high level of environmental protection

Amendment

Promotion of *sustainable* aquaculture with high level of environmental protection

Amendment 374

Proposal for a regulation

Article 52 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

In order to substantially reduce the impact of aquaculture on the environment the EMFF may support investments:

Amendment

In order to substantially reduce the impact of aquaculture on the environment the EMFF may support ***the following*** investments:

Amendment 375

Proposal for a regulation

Article 52 – paragraph 1 – 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 a substantial reduction of ***the*** impact of aquaculture enterprises on water ***usage and quality***, in particular through reducing the amount of water ***or chemicals, antibiotics and other medicines*** used, or improving the output water quality, including through the deployment of multi-trophic aquaculture systems;

Amendment 376

Proposal for a regulation

Article 52 – paragraph 1 – point a a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(aa) promotion of closed aquaculture systems;

Amendment 377

Proposal for a regulation

Article 52 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) limiting the negative impact of aquaculture enterprises on nature or biodiversity;

Amendment

(b) limiting the negative impact of aquaculture enterprises on nature ***and promoting environmental protection and biodiversity, in particular limiting the impact on wild fish stocks, the interactions with predator species, the use***

of toxic chemicals and antibiotics and other environmental impacts linked to intensive aquaculture;

Amendment 378

Proposal for a regulation Article 52 – paragraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) the purchase of *the* equipment protecting aquaculture farms from wild predators *benefitting from protection under Council and European Parliament Directive 2009/147/EEC and Council Directive 92/43/EC;*

Amendment

(c) the purchase of equipment protecting aquaculture farms from wild predators;

Amendment 379

Proposal for a regulation Article 52 – paragraph 1 – point e

Text proposed by the Commission

(e) the restoration of existing aquaculture ponds or lagoons through removal of silt, *or possible measures aimed at the prevention of silt deposition.*

Amendment

(e) the restoration of *estuaries*, existing aquaculture ponds or lagoons *and connected habitats* through removal of silt or prevention of silt deposition.

Amendment 380

Proposal for a regulation Article 53 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

1. In order to promote the development of organic or energy efficient aquaculture, the EMFF may support:

Amendment

1. In order to promote the development of organic or *more* energy efficient aquaculture, the EMFF may support:

Amendment 381

Proposal for a regulation Article 53 – paragraph 1 – point a a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(aa) the conversion of operations for the farming of carnivorous species into operations for the farming of herbivorous

species which do not rely for feeding on fresh, wild, marine or freshwater fish, fishmeal or fish oil products;

Amendment 382

Proposal for a regulation

Article 53 – paragraph 1 – point a b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ab) promotion of closed system aquaculture where fish and other aquatic products are farmed in closed recirculation systems, minimizing water use.

Amendment 383

Proposal for a regulation

Article 53 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(b) the participation in the Union eco-management and audit schemes established by Regulation (EC) No 761/2001 of the European *parliament* and of the *council* of 19 March 2001 allowing voluntary participation by organisations in a Community eco-management and audit scheme (EMAS).

(b) the participation in the Union eco-management and audit schemes *such as those* established by Regulation (EC) No 761/2001 of the European *Parliament* and of the *Council* of 19 March 2001 allowing voluntary participation by organisations in a Community eco-management and audit scheme (EMAS) *or participation in nationally recognised environmental management schemes;*

Amendment 384

Proposal for a regulation

Article 53 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2. Support shall only be granted to beneficiaries who commit themselves for a minimum of **3** years to participate in the EMAS or *for a minimum of 5 years* to comply with the requirements of organic production.

2. Support shall only be granted to beneficiaries who commit themselves for a minimum of *five* years to participate in the EMAS or *for a minimum of five years* to comply with the requirements of organic production.

Amendment 385

Proposal for a regulation

Article 53 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. Support shall take the form of compensation for a maximum of *two* years during the period of the conversion of the enterprise to organic production or during the preparation for participation in the EMAS scheme.

Amendment

3. Support shall take the form of compensation for a maximum of *five* years during the period of the conversion of the enterprise to organic production or during the preparation for participation in the EMAS scheme.

Amendment 386

Proposal for a regulation

Article 53 – paragraph 4 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) the loss of revenue or additional costs incurred during the period of transition from conventional into organic production for operations eligible under paragraph 1(a) of this Article;

Amendment

(a) the loss of revenue or additional costs incurred during the period of transition from conventional into organic production *or the maintenance of organic production* for operations eligible under paragraph 1(a) of this Article;

Amendment 387

Proposal for a regulation

Article 54 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

1. In order to foster the development of aquaculture providing environmental services, the EMFF may support:

Amendment

1. In order to foster the development of *sustainable* aquaculture providing environmental services, the EMFF may support:

Amendment 388

Proposal for a regulation

Article 54 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) aquaculture methods compatible with specific environmental needs and subject to specific management requirements resulting from the designation of

Amendment

(a) *extensive and semi-intensive* aquaculture methods compatible with specific environmental needs and subject to specific management requirements

NATURA 2000 areas in accordance with Council Directive 92/43/EEC and **Council and European Parliament** Directive 2009/147/EC;

resulting from the designation of NATURA 2000 areas in accordance with Council Directive 92/43/EEC and Directive 2009/147/EC;

Amendment 389

Proposal for a regulation

Article 54 –paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) participation in ex–situ conservation and reproduction of aquatic animals, within the framework of conservation and biodiversity restoration programmes developed by public authorities, or under their supervision;

Amendment

(b) **the costs directly related to** participation in ex–situ conservation and reproduction of aquatic animals, within the framework of conservation and biodiversity restoration programmes developed by public authorities, or under their supervision;

Amendment 390

Proposal for a regulation

Article 54 –paragraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) forms of extensive aquaculture including conservation and improvement of the environment, biodiversity, and management of the landscape and traditional features of aquaculture zones.

Amendment

(c) forms of extensive **and semi–intensive** aquaculture, **both in coastal zones and in inland waters**, including conservation and improvement of the environment, biodiversity, and management of the landscape and traditional features of aquaculture zones.

Amendment 391

Proposal for a regulation

Article 54 –paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. Support under paragraph 1 (a) shall take the form of annual compensation for the additional costs incurred or income foregone resulting from management requirements in the areas concerned, related to the implementation of Council Directive 92/43/EEC or Council and European Parliament Directive

Amendment

2. Support under paragraph 1(a) shall take the form of annual compensation for the additional costs incurred **and/or** income foregone resulting from management requirements in the areas concerned, related to the implementation of Council Directive 92/43/EEC or Council and European Parliament Directive

Amendment 392**Proposal for a regulation
Article 54 – paragraph 4***Text proposed by the Commission*

4. Support provided under paragraph 1 (c) shall take the form of annual compensation for the additional costs incurred.

Amendment

4. Support provided under paragraph 1(c) shall take the form of annual compensation for the additional costs incurred ***and compensation for losses caused to aquaculture stocks by protected species, on the condition that protection measures have been taken.***

Amendment 393**Proposal for a regulation
Article 55 – paragraph 1***Text proposed by the Commission*

1. The EMFF ***shall*** support compensation to mollusc farmers for the temporary suspension of harvesting of farmed molluscs exclusively for reasons of public health.

Amendment

1. The EMFF ***may*** support compensation to mollusc farmers for the temporary suspension of harvesting of farmed molluscs exclusively for reasons of public health.

Amendment 395**Proposal for a regulation
Article 55 – paragraph 2 – point b***Text proposed by the Commission*

(b) the loss, resulting from the suspension of the harvest, amounts to more than **35 %** of the annual turnover of the business concerned, calculated on the basis of the average turnover of the business over the preceding three years.

Amendment

(b) the loss, resulting from the suspension of the harvest, amounts to more than **15 %** of the annual turnover of the business concerned, calculated on the basis of the average turnover of the business over the preceding three years, ***or, when the company has a lower implementation period, in the prior activity period. Member States may establish special calculation rules for use in respect of companies with less than one year of activity.***

Amendment 396

Proposal for a regulation

Article 55 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. The duration for which compensation may be granted shall be of maximum 12 months over the entire programming period.

Amendment

deleted

Amendment 397

Proposal for a regulation

Article 56 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

1. In order to foster animal health and welfare in aquaculture enterprises, particularly in terms of prevention and bio-security, the EMFF may support:

Amendment

1. In order to foster animal health and welfare in aquaculture enterprises, particularly in terms of prevention and bio-security, the EMFF may support ***aquaculture farms and professional aquaculture organisations in respect of the following operations:***

Amendment 398

Proposal for a regulation

Article 56 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) the control and eradication of diseases in aquaculture under the terms of Council Decision 2009/470/EC on expenditure in the veterinary field;

Amendment

(a) the ***costs of*** control and eradication of diseases in aquaculture under the terms of Council Decision 2009/470/EC on expenditure in the veterinary field, ***including the necessary operating costs to fulfil the obligations laid down in an eradication plan;***

Amendment 399

Proposal for a regulation

Article 56 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) the development of general and species specific best practices or codes of conducts

Amendment

(b) the development of general and species specific best practices or codes of conducts

on bio–security *or on* animal welfare needs in aquaculture;

on bio–security, animal *health and animal* welfare needs in aquaculture;

Amendment 400

Proposal for a regulation

Article 56 – paragraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) *increasing the availability of* veterinary medicines *for its use in aquaculture and promoting appropriate use of such medicines* through the commissioning of pharmaceutical studies and the dissemination and exchange of information.

Amendment

(c) *initiatives aimed at reducing the dependence of aquaculture on* veterinary medicines;

Amendment 401

Proposal for a regulation

Article 56 – paragraph 1 – c a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ca) the establishment and operation of health protection groups in the aquaculture sector as recognised by Member States.

Amendment 402

Proposal for a regulation

Article 57 – paragraph 1 - introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

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:

Amendment

1. In order to safeguard the income of aquaculture producers the EMFF may support the contribution to an aquaculture stock insurance *or a mutual fund recognised by a Member State* which shall cover the losses due to *at least one of the following*:

Amendment 403

Proposal for a regulation

Article 57 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) natural disasters;

Amendment

(a) natural disasters *or extensive pollution of the marine environment*;

Amendment 404

Proposal for a regulation

Article 57 – paragraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) sudden water quality changes;

Amendment

(c) sudden water quality *and quantity* changes;

Amendment 405

Proposal for a regulation

Article 57 – paragraph 1 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

(d) diseases in aquaculture or destruction of production facilities.

Amendment

(d) diseases in aquaculture, *predation, mechanical failures* or destruction of production facilities, *for which the operator is not responsible*;

Amendment 406

Proposal for a regulation

Article 57 – paragraph 1 – point d a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(da) severe damage to facilities caused by wild animals, including infestation of aquaculture farms by invasive species;

Amendment 407

Proposal for a regulation

Article 57 – paragraph 1 – point d b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(db) environmental pollution caused by an incident external to the aquaculture farm;

Amendment 408

Proposal for a regulation

Article 57 – paragraph 1 – point d c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(dc) collection and destruction of animals that have died on the farm as a result of natural causes or farm accidents for which the operator is not responsible, or have been slaughtered and buried on the farm itself for animal health reasons with prior authorisation by the relevant authorities.

Amendment 409

Proposal for a regulation

Article 57 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

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.

2. The occurrence of an adverse climatic event, *disease, extensive pollution or any of the relevant circumstances provided for in paragraph 1* in aquaculture shall be formally recognised as such by the Member State concerned.

Amendment 410

Proposal for a regulation

Article 57 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

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.

3. Support shall only be granted for aquaculture stock insurance contracts *or mutual funds* which cover economic losses under paragraph 1 exceeding **25 %** of the average annual production of the aquaculture farmer.

Amendment 411

Proposal for a regulation

Article 58

Text proposed by the Commission

The EMFF shall support the sustainable development of fisheries areas following a community-led local development approach as set out in Article 28 of the [Regulation (EU) No [...] laying down Common Provisions].

Amendment

The EMFF shall support the sustainable development of fisheries **and aquaculture** areas following a community-led local development approach as set out in Article 28 of the [Regulation (EU) No [...] laying down Common Provisions].

Amendment 412

Proposal for a regulation

Article 59 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Financial support under this Chapter shall contribute to the achievement of the Union priorities identified in Article 6(1).

Amendment

Financial support under this Chapter shall contribute to the achievement of the Union priorities identified in Article 6(1), **(2) and (3)**.

Amendment 413

Proposal for a regulation

Title V – chapter III – section 2 – title

Text proposed by the Commission

Fisheries areas, local partnerships and local development strategies

Amendment

Fisheries **and aquaculture** areas, local partnerships and local development strategies

Amendment 414

Proposal for a regulation

Article 60 – title

Text proposed by the Commission

Fisheries areas

Amendment

Fisheries **and aquaculture** areas

Amendment 415

Proposal for a regulation

Article 60 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

1. A **fisheries** area eligible for support shall

Amendment

1. **In order for an area to qualify as an**

be:

area eligible for support, *it shall be either a sea-fishing area, an inland fishing area or an aquaculture area. It shall be functionally coherent in geographical, biological, economic and social terms, taking specific account of the fisheries, aquaculture and related activities, and shall offer sufficient critical mass in terms of human, financial and economic resources to support a viable local development strategy.*

Amendment 416

Proposal for a regulation

Article 60 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a) limited in size and, as a general rule, shall be smaller than NUTS level 3 of the common classification of territorial units for statistics within the meaning of Regulation (EC) No 1059/2003 of 26 May 2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 May 2003 on the establishment of a common classification of territorial units for statistics (NUTS); and

deleted

Amendment 417

Proposal for a regulation

Article 60 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(b) functionally coherent in geographical, economic and social terms, taking specific account of the fisheries and aquaculture sectors and offer sufficient critical mass in terms of human, financial and economic resources to support a viable local development strategy.

deleted

Amendment 418

Proposal for a regulation

Article 61 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. For the purposes of the EMFF, the integrated local development strategy referred to in Article 28(1)(c) of [Regulation (EU) No [...] laying down Common Provisions] shall be based on the interaction between actors and projects of ***different sectors of the local economy, in particular*** the fisheries and aquaculture sectors;

Amendment

1. For the purposes of the EMFF, the integrated local development strategy referred to in Article 28(1)(c) of [Regulation (EU) No [...] laying down Common Provisions] shall be based on interaction ***and consultations*** between actors and projects of the fisheries and aquaculture sectors, ***as well as other sectors of the local economy. In this regard, Advisory Councils shall be consulted.***

Amendment 419

Proposal for a regulation

Article 61 – paragraph 2 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) maximise the participation of the fisheries and aquaculture sectors in the sustainable development of coastal and inland fisheries areas;

Amendment

(a) maximise the participation of the fisheries and aquaculture sectors in the sustainable development of coastal and inland fisheries ***and aquaculture*** areas;

Amendment 420

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 fully exploit and benefit from the opportunities offered by maritime, coastal ***and inland water development and, in particular, help small and declining fishing ports to maximise their marine potential by developing a diversified infrastructure.***

Amendment 421

Proposal for a regulation

Article 61 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. The strategy must be coherent with the

Amendment

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opportunities and needs identified in the area and the Union priorities for the EMFF. Strategies *may range from those which* focus on fisheries *to* broader *strategies* directed at the diversification of fisheries areas. The strategy shall go beyond a mere collection of operations or juxtaposition of sectoral measures.

opportunities and needs identified in the area and the Union priorities for the EMFF. Strategies *shall* focus *mainly* on fisheries *or aquaculture, although they may be* broader, directed at the diversification of fisheries *and aquaculture* areas. The strategy shall go beyond a mere collection of operations or juxtaposition of sectoral measures.

Amendment 422

Proposal for a regulation

Article 61 – paragraph 5

Text proposed by the Commission

5. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 127 concerning the content of the action plan referred to in Article 29(1)(e) of the [Regulation (EU) No [...] laying down Common Provisions].

Amendment

5. The integrated local development strategy shall include an action plan referred to in Article 29(1)(e) of the [Regulation (EU) No [...] laying down Common Provisions]. *The action plan shall set out, inter alia, the list of actions envisaged for implementing the strategy and, for each action, it shall specify the objectives of that action, the eligible expenditure, the admissible beneficiaries, the financial envelope related to associated public funds, the criteria for selecting operations and the performance indicators.*

Amendment 423

Proposal for a regulation

Article 62 – paragraph 3 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) ensure a *significant representation of* fisheries and aquaculture *sectors*.

Amendment

(b) ensure *that a majority of representatives come from the* fisheries and/or *the* aquaculture *sectors*.

Amendment 424

Proposal for a regulation

Article 62 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

4. If the local development strategy is

Amendment

4. If the local development strategy is

supported by other Funds in addition to the EMFF *a specific* selection body for EMFF supported projects shall *be established according to the criteria* set out in paragraph (3).

supported by other Funds in addition to the EMFF, *the* selection body *of the FLAG* for EMFF supported projects shall *fulfil the requirements* set out in paragraph (3).

Amendment 425

Proposal for a regulation Article 62 – paragraph 7

Text proposed by the Commission

7. The respective roles of the FLAG, the managing authority for all implementation tasks relating to the strategy shall be clearly described in the operational programme.

Amendment

7. The respective roles of the FLAG, the managing authority *and, where this differs from the managing authority, the implementing authority*, for all implementation tasks relating to the strategy, shall be clearly described in the operational programme.

Amendment 426

Proposal for a regulation Article 63 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The operations eligible under this Section are set out in Article 31 of the [Regulation (EU) No [...] laying down Common Provisions].

Amendment

1. The operations *and costs* eligible under this Section are set out in Article 31 of the [Regulation (EU) No [...] laying down Common Provisions].

Amendment 427

Proposal for a regulation Article 64 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. Preparatory support shall cover capacity building, training and networking with a view to preparing and implementing a local development strategy.

Amendment

1. Preparatory support shall cover capacity building, *consultation*, training and networking with a view to preparing and implementing a local development strategy.

Amendment 428

Proposal for a regulation

Article 65 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) adding value, creating jobs, and promoting innovation at all stages of the fisheries and aquaculture supply chain;

Amendment

(a) adding value, creating jobs, **attracting young people** and promoting innovation at all stages of the fisheries, aquaculture **and processing** supply chain;

Amendment 429

Proposal for a regulation

Article 65 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) supporting diversification and job creation in fisheries areas, **in particular in other maritime sectors**;

Amendment

(b) supporting diversification and job creation in fisheries and aquaculture areas, **including diversification into maritime activities that complement fisheries and aquaculture activities**;

Amendment 430

Proposal for a regulation

Article 65 – paragraph 1 – point b a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ba) strengthening training and improving working conditions in fisheries and aquaculture areas;

Amendment 431

Proposal for a regulation

Article 65 – paragraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) enhancing and capitalising on the environmental assets of the fisheries areas including operations to mitigate climate change;

Amendment

(c) enhancing and capitalising on the environmental assets of the fisheries **and aquaculture** areas including operations to **maintain biodiversity, to improve management of the coastal zone and to** mitigate climate change;

Amendment 432

Proposal for a regulation

Article 65 – paragraph 1 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

(d) promoting social well being and cultural heritage in fisheries areas including maritime cultural heritage;

Amendment

(d) promoting social well being and cultural heritage in fisheries **and aquaculture** areas including **fisheries and** maritime cultural heritage;

Amendment 433

Proposal for a regulation

Article 65 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. The support given may include measures provided for Chapters I **and** II of this Title, provided there is a clear rationale for their management at local level. When assistance is granted for operations corresponding to these measures, the relevant conditions and the scales of contribution per operation laid down in Chapters I **and** II of this Title shall apply.

Amendment

2. The support given may include measures provided for **in** Chapters I, II **and** IV of this Title, provided there is a clear rationale for their management at local level. When assistance is granted for operations corresponding to these measures, the relevant conditions and the scales of contribution per operation laid down in Chapters I, II **and** IV of this Title shall apply.

Amendment 434

Proposal for a regulation

Article 66 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. **Apart** from other FLAGs, the partners of a FLAG under the EMFF may be a local public–private partnership that is implementing a local development strategy within or outside the Union.

Amendment

2. **For the purposes of this Article, apart** from other FLAGs, the partners of a FLAG under the EMFF may be **the participants in a cooperation project with a non–FLAG territory based on a** local public–private partnership that is implementing a local development strategy within or outside the Union.

Amendment 435

Proposal for a regulation

Article 66 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. In cases where co–operation projects are

Amendment

3. In cases where co–operation projects are

not selected by the FLAGs, Member States shall establish a system of ongoing **application** for cooperation projects. They shall make public the national or regional administrative procedures concerning the selection of transnational cooperation projects and a list of eligible costs at the latest two years after the date of approval of their operational programme.

not selected by the FLAGs, Member States shall establish a system of ongoing **applications** for cooperation projects. They shall make public the national or regional administrative procedures concerning the selection of transnational cooperation projects and a list of eligible costs at the latest two years after the date of approval of their operational programme. **Advisory Councils may, due to their transnational character, be involved in that system of on-going applications.**

Amendment 436

Proposal for a regulation Article 66 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

4. **Approval of** cooperation projects shall take place no later than four months after the date of submission of the project.

Amendment

4. **Administrative decisions concerning** cooperation projects shall take place no later than four months after the date of submission of the project.

Amendment 437

Proposal for a regulation Article 68

Text proposed by the Commission

Support under this Chapter shall contribute to **achieve the specific objectives of Chapter I and Chapter II of this Title.**

Amendment

Support under this Chapter shall contribute to:

(a) the achievement of the specific objectives of Chapter I and Chapter II of this Title;

(b) the improvement of the competitiveness of the processing and marketing of fisheries and aquaculture products;

(c) the improvement of food safety and product quality;

(d) the development, production and marketing of new products and the use of new technologies and innovative production methods;

(e) reducing the negative impact on the environment and increase energy efficiency;

(f) a better use of minor species, of by-products and of waste;

(g) the development, production and marketing of new products and the use of new technologies and innovative production methods;

(h) the improvement of working conditions and worker training;

(i) the opening and development of new markets.

Amendment 438

Proposal for a regulation Article 69 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The EMFF *may* support the preparation and implementation of production and marketing plans referred to in Article 32 of [Regulation (EU) No on the common organisation of the markets in fishery and aquaculture products].

Amendment

1. The EMFF *shall* support the preparation and implementation of production and marketing plans referred to in Article 32 of [Regulation (EU) No on the common organisation of the markets in fishery and aquaculture products].

Amendment 439

Proposal for a regulation Article 70 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

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]:*

Amendment

1. The EMFF may *co-finance a* compensation to recognised producer organisations and associations of producers organisations which store fishery *and aquaculture* products listed in Annex II *to* 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 *that* Regulation:

Amendment 440

Proposal for a regulation

Article 70 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(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;

Amendment

(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, **preparation** and storage of the products in question;

Amendment 441

Proposal for a regulation

Article 70 – paragraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(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.**

Amendment

(c) the financial assistance per year shall not exceed **5 %** 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.

Amendment 442

Proposal for a regulation

Article 70 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

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

Amendment

deleted

Amendment 443

Proposal for a regulation

Article 71 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The EMFF may support marketing measures for fishery and aquaculture products which aim at:

Amendment

1. The EMFF may support marketing measures for fishery, aquaculture **and inland fishery** products which aim at:

Amendment 444

Proposal for a regulation

Article 71 – paragraph 1 – point a – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) improving the conditions for the placing on the market of:

Amendment

(a) **finding new markets and** improving the conditions for the placing on the market of **fishery and aquaculture species, including:**

Amendment 445

Proposal for a regulation

Article 71 – paragraph 1 – point a – point i a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ia) products marketed by organisations of fishermen, by their associations and via auction halls;

Amendment 446

Proposal for a regulation

Article 71 – paragraph 1 – point a – point ii

Text proposed by the Commission

(ii) unwanted catches landed in conformity with Article 15 of [Regulation on the Common Fisheries Policy] and Article 8 (b) second indent of the [Regulation (EU) No on the common organisation of the markets in fishery and aquaculture products];

Amendment

(ii) unwanted catches landed **from commercial stocks** in conformity with **technical measures**, Article 15 of [Regulation on the Common Fisheries Policy] and Article 8 (b) second indent of the [Regulation (EU) No on the common organisation of the markets in fishery and aquaculture products];

Amendment 447

Proposal for a regulation

Article 71 – paragraph 1 – point a – point iii

Text proposed by the Commission

(iii) products obtained using methods with low impact on the environment or organic aquaculture products as defined in Council Regulation(EC) No 834/2007 on organic production.

Amendment

(iii) **fisheries or aquaculture** products obtained using methods with low impact on the environment, or organic aquaculture products as defined in Council Regulation(EC) No 834/2007 on organic production **or in closed aquaculture systems**;

Amendment 448

Proposal for a regulation

Article 71 – paragraph 1 – point a – point iii a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(iiia) local and seasonal products, including products covered by Council Regulation (EC) No 510/2006 of 20 March 2006 on the protection of geographical indications and designations of origin for agricultural products and foodstuffs;

Amendment 449

Proposal for a regulation

Article 71 – paragraph 1 – point a – point iii b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(iiib) new or upgraded products.

Amendment 450

Proposal for a regulation

Article 71 – paragraph 1 – point b – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(b) promoting **the** quality by facilitating:

(b) promoting quality **and added value** by facilitating:

Amendment 451

Proposal for a regulation

Article 71 – paragraph 1 – point b – point ii

Text proposed by the Commission

(ii) certification **and** promotion including **of** sustainable fishery and aquaculture products and of environmentally friendly processing methods;

Amendment

(ii) **the** certification **of quality and the** promotion **and creation of specific labelling with regard to** sustainable fishery and aquaculture products, **small scale coastal fishing products, local and seasonal products** and environmentally friendly processing methods;

Amendment 452

Proposal for a regulation

Article 71 – paragraph 1 – point b – point ii a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(iia) the traceability of fishery and aquaculture products, including the development of a Union-wide ecolabel for fisheries and aquaculture products;

Amendment 453

Proposal for a regulation

Article 71 – paragraph 1 – point b – point ii b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(iib) innovative processes and methods;

Amendment 454

Proposal for a regulation

Article 71 – paragraph 1 – point b – point iii

Text proposed by the Commission

(iii) direct marketing of fishery products by small scale coastal fishermen.

Amendment

(iii) direct marketing of fishery products by small scale coastal fishermen **and on-foot fishermen;**

Amendment 455

Proposal for a regulation

Article 71 – paragraph 1 – point b – point iii a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(iiia) presentation and packaging of products;

Amendment 456

Proposal for a regulation

Article 71 – paragraph 1 – point b – point iii b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(iiib) achievement of the compliance and certification requirements for products covered by Regulation (EC) 510/2006 by producers, processors and developers to which the control and certification systems apply.

Amendment 457

Proposal for a regulation

Article 71 – paragraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(c) contributing to the transparency of production and the markets and conducting market surveys;

(c) contributing to the transparency of production and the markets and conducting market surveys ***and studies on the Union's trade dependency*** ;

Amendment 458

Proposal for a regulation

Article 71 – paragraph 1 – point e

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(e) creating producers' organisations, associations of producer organisations or inter-branch organisations recognised under Chapter II, Section III of Regulation [on the Common Organisation of the markets in fisheries and aquaculture products];

(e) creating ***and merging*** producers' organisations, associations of producer organisations or inter-branch organisations recognised under Chapter II, Section III of Regulation [on the Common Organisation of the markets in fisheries and aquaculture products] ***in order to foster their role in the management of fisheries and marketing measures***;

Amendment 459

Proposal for a regulation

Article 71 – paragraph 1 – point f

Text proposed by the Commission

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

Amendment

(f) conducting regional, national or transnational promotional campaigns, ***including exhibitions and media campaigns***, for ***environmentally sustainable*** fishery and aquaculture products.

Amendment 460

Proposal for a regulation

Article 72 – paragraph 1 – point -a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(-a) for innovation in order to develop new products with greater quality and added value, new or improved processes and in new or improved management and organisational systems;

Amendment 461

Proposal for a regulation

Article 72 – paragraph 1 – point –b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(-b) increasing the added value of products;

Amendment 462

Proposal for a regulation

Article 72 – paragraph 1 – point a a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(aa) improving safety, hygiene, health and working conditions;

Amendment 463

Proposal for a regulation

Article 72 – paragraph 1 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

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

Amendment

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

Amendment 464

Proposal for a regulation

Article 72 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1a. The EMFF may support companies, associations and technology centres representing the processing sector to develop research and innovation activities related to those referred to in paragraph 1.

Amendment 465

Proposal for a regulation

Article 73 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1. The EMFF ***may*** support the compensation ***regime*** introduced by Council Regulation (EC) No 791/2007 for the additional costs incurred by the operators in the fishing, farming and marketing of certain fishery and aquaculture products from the ***Azores, Madeira, the Canary Islands, French Guiana, and Réunion.***

1. The EMFF ***shall*** support the compensation ***scheme*** introduced ***pursuant to Article 349 TFEU*** by Council Regulation (EC) No 791/2007 ***to compensate*** for the additional costs incurred by the operators in the fishing, farming, ***processing*** and marketing of certain fishery and aquaculture products from the ***outermost regions. That scheme shall apply to all additional costs incurred by operators engaged in the activities referred to in this paragraph.***

Amendment 466

Proposal for a regulation

Article 73 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. Each Member State concerned shall determine for the regions referred to in paragraph 1 the list of fishery and aquaculture products and the quantity of those products eligible for the compensation.

Amendment

2. Each Member State concerned shall determine, for the regions referred to in paragraph 1, the list of ***additional costs incurred by operators engaged in the activities referred to in paragraph 1. It shall also draw up the list of*** fishery and aquaculture products and the quantity of those products eligible for the compensation.

Amendment 467

Proposal for a regulation Article 73 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. When establishing the list and the quantities referred to in paragraph 2, Member States shall take into account all the relevant factors, in particular the need to ensure that the compensation is fully compatible with the rules of the CFP.

Amendment

3. When establishing the list and the quantities referred to in paragraph 2, Member States shall take into account all the relevant factors, in particular the need to ensure that the compensation is fully compatible with the rules of the CFP ***and that the fishing capacity of the fleets concerned is commensurate with the fishing opportunities that are available.***

Amendment 468

Proposal for a regulation Article 73 – paragraph 4 – point c a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ca) obtained by IUU fishing.

Amendment 469

Proposal for a regulation Article 73 – paragraph 5 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

5a. The following operators who incur additional costs in the marketing of fishery products shall be eligible for

compensation:

(a) natural or legal persons using means of production to obtain fishery or aquaculture products with a view to placing them on the market;

(b) the owners or operators of vessels that are registered in the ports of the regions referred to in paragraph 1 and that are operating in those regions, or associations of such owners or operators;

(c) the operators in the processing and marketing sector or associations of such operators.

Amendment 470

Proposal for a regulation Article 73 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 73a

Operators

1. Compensation shall be paid to operators carrying out fishing and aquaculture activities in the regions concerned.

2. The Member States concerned shall take the measures necessary to ensure that operators receiving the compensation remain economically viable.

Amendment 471

Proposal for a regulation Article 74 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a) for each fishery or aquaculture product the additional costs resulting from the specific handicaps of the regions concerned, and

(a) for each fishery or aquaculture product ***or category of product*** the additional costs resulting from the specific handicaps of the regions concerned, and

Amendment 472

Proposal for a regulation

Article 74 – paragraph 1 – point b a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ba) any other support that the beneficiary continues to receive or has received for his activity.

Amendment 473

Proposal for a regulation

Article 75 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1. The Member States concerned shall submit to the Commission a compensation plan for each region concerned including the list and quantities referred to in Article 73, the level of compensation referred to in Article 74 and the competent authority as laid down in Article 99.

1. The Member States concerned shall submit to the Commission a compensation plan for each region concerned including the list and quantities ***and the type of operators*** referred to in Article 73, the level of compensation referred to in Article 74 and the competent authority as laid down in Article 99.

Amendment 474

Proposal for a regulation

Article 75 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1a. Member States may amend the content of the compensation plan referred to in paragraph 1. Such amendments shall be submitted to the Commission.

Amendment 475

Proposal for a regulation

Article 75 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance ***to*** Article 127 ***in order to define*** the content of the compensation plan, including the criteria for the calculation of the additional costs resulting from the specific handicaps

2. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts, in accordance ***with*** Article 127, ***laying down*** the content of the compensation plan, including the criteria for the calculation of the additional costs resulting from the specific handicaps of the

of the regions concerned.

regions concerned.

Amendment 476

Proposal for a regulation Article 75 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 75a

State aid

1. By way of derogation from Article 8, the Commission may authorise, in accordance with Article 108 TFEU, operating aid in the sectors producing, processing and marketing fishing and aquaculture products, with a view to alleviating the specific constraints in the outermost regions as a result of their isolation, insularity and extreme remoteness.

2. Member States may grant additional financing for the implementation of the compensation plans referred to in Article 75. In such cases, the Member States shall notify the Commission of the State aid which the Commission may approve in accordance with this Regulation as part of those plans. State aid that has been notified in accordance with this paragraph shall also be deemed to be notified within the meaning of the first sentence of Article 108(3) TFEU.

Amendment 477

Proposal for a regulation Article 78 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1. The EMFF may support the implementation of a Union control, inspection and enforcement system as provided for in Article 46 of the [Regulation on the Common Fisheries Policy] and specified in Council Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009 of 20 November 2009 establishing a Union

1. The EMFF may support the implementation of a Union control, inspection and enforcement system as provided for in Article 46 of the [Regulation on the Common Fisheries Policy] and specified in Council Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009 of 20 November 2009 establishing a Union

control system for ensuring compliance with the rules of the Common Fisheries Policy.

control system for ensuring compliance with the rules of the Common Fisheries Policy, *as well as the installation of the components that are necessary to ensure the traceability of fisheries products pursuant to Article 58 of Council Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009. Such a system should result in a number of controls based on the size of fleets in different Member States.*

Amendment 478

Proposal for a regulation

Article 78 – paragraph 2 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) purchase *or* development of technology, including hardware and software, vessel detection systems (VDS), CCTV systems and IT networks enabling the gathering, administration, validation, analysis and exchange of, and the development of sampling methods for, data related to fisheries, as well as interconnection to cross-sectoral data exchange systems;

Amendment

(a) purchase, *installation and* development of technology, including hardware and software, vessel detection systems (VDS), CCTV systems and IT networks enabling the gathering, administration, validation, analysis, *risk management, submission* and exchange of, and the development of sampling methods for, data related to fisheries, as well as interconnection to cross-sectoral data exchange systems, *on condition that such operations respect individual freedoms and ensure that personal data is protected;*

Amendment 479

Proposal for a regulation

Article 78 – paragraph 2 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) purchase and installation of the components necessary to ensure data transmission from actors involved in fishing and the marketing of fishery products to the relevant Member State and EU authorities, including the necessary components for electronic recording and reporting systems (ERS), vessel monitoring systems (VMS), and automatic identification systems (AIS) used for control purposes;

Amendment

(b) *development,* purchase and installation of the components, *including computer hardware and software, that are* necessary to ensure data transmission from actors involved in fishing and the marketing of fishery products to the relevant Member State and EU authorities, including the necessary components for electronic recording and reporting systems (ERS), vessel monitoring systems (VMS), and automatic identification systems (AIS)

used for control purposes;

Amendment 480

Proposal for a regulation

Article 78 – paragraph 2 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) purchase and installation of the components necessary to ensure traceability of fishery and aquaculture products, as defined in Article 58 of Council Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009;

Amendment

(c) **development**, purchase and installation of the components, **including computer hardware and software, which are** necessary to ensure traceability of fishery and aquaculture products, as defined in Article 58 of Council Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009;

Amendment 481

Proposal for a regulation

Article 78 – paragraph 2 – point e

Text proposed by the Commission

(e) modernisation and purchase of patrol vessels, aircrafts and helicopters, provided they are used at least 60% of the time **for fisheries control**;

Amendment

(e) modernisation and purchase of patrol vessels, aircrafts and helicopters, provided they are used **for fisheries control for** at least 60 % of the **total time that the equipment is used per year**;

Amendment 482

Proposal for a regulation

Article 78 – paragraph 2 – point g

Text proposed by the Commission

(g) implementation of pilot projects related to fisheries control, including fish DNA analysis or the development of web-sites related to control;

Amendment

(g) **development of innovative control and monitoring systems and** implementation of pilot projects related to fisheries control, including fish DNA analysis or the development of web-sites related to control;

Amendment 483

Proposal for a regulation

Article 78 – paragraph 2 – point j a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ja) programmes delivering tougher control for stocks subject to specific control and inspection programmes established in accordance with Article 95 of Council Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009, including any operational costs incurred;

Amendment 484

Proposal for a regulation

Article 78 – paragraph 2 – point j b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(jb) programmes linked to the implementation of an action plan established in accordance with Article 102(4) of Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009, including any operational costs incurred.

Amendment 485

Proposal for a regulation

Article 78 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3. The measures listed in points (h), (i) **and** (j) of paragraph 2 of this Article shall only be eligible for support if they relate to control activities carried out by a public authority.

3. The measures listed in points (h), (i), (j), **(ja) and (jb)** of paragraph 2 of this Article shall only be eligible for support if they relate to control activities carried out by a public authority.

Amendment 486

Proposal for a regulation

Article 78 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 78a

Collective actions with a view to strengthening and standardising controls
1. With a view to strengthening and standardising controls, the EMFF may

support the implementation of transnational projects aimed at developing and testing the inter-State control, inspection and enforcement systems provided for under Article 46 of the Regulation (EU) No .../..... [on the CFP] and laid down in Council Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009 of 20 November 2009 establishing a Community control system for ensuring compliance with the rules of the CFP.

2. Eligible types of operation include in particular the following:

(a) international training programmes for personnel responsible for monitoring, control and surveillance of fisheries activities;

(b) initiatives, including seminars and media tools, for standardising the interpretation of regulations and associated controls in the Union.

Amendment 487

Proposal for a regulation Article 79 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

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].

Amendment

1. The EMFF shall support the collection and management, **analysis** and use of primary biological, technical, environmental and socioeconomic data **necessary for sustainable ecosystem-based fisheries and aquaculture management** as in the multiannual Union programme referred to in Article 37(5) of the [Regulation on the Common Fisheries Policy].

Amendment 488

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

Amendment

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

implementation;

and CFP implementation;

Amendment 489

Proposal for a regulation

Article 79 – paragraph 2 – point a a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(aa) the purchase or development of technology, including computer hardware and software, required for the collection, management and use of data;

Amendment 490

Proposal for a regulation

Article 79 – paragraph 2 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(b) national multi-annual sampling programmes;

(b) national, ***transnational and sub-national*** multi-annual sampling programmes;

Amendment 491

Proposal for a regulation

Article 79 – paragraph 2 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Data collection

Data collection

(c) at-sea monitoring of commercial and recreational fisheries;

(c) at-sea monitoring of commercial and recreational fisheries, ***including the monitoring of by-catches of marine organisms and birds;***

Amendment 492

Proposal for a regulation

Article 79 – paragraph 2 – point d a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(da) management of annual work programmes with regard to technical and scientific expertise in fisheries, the processing of data communications and data sets and preparatory work for the

provision of scientific advice;

Amendment 493

Proposal for a regulation

Article 79 – paragraph 2 – point d b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(db) Organisation and management of fisheries expert meetings;

Amendment 494

Proposal for a regulation

Article 79 – paragraph 2 – point e

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Data collection

Data collection

(e) the participation *of* Member States' representatives in regional coordination meetings as referred to in Article 37(4) of the [Regulation on the Common Fisheries Policy], meetings of regional fisheries management organisations of which the EU is a contracting partner or an observer or meetings of international bodies in charge of providing scientific advice.

(e) the participation, *by representatives* of Member States *and their scientific experts, as well as by* representatives *of regional authorities*, in regional coordination meetings as referred to in Article 37(4) of the [Regulation on the Common Fisheries Policy], meetings of regional fisheries management organisations of which the EU is a contracting partner or an observer or meetings of international bodies in charge of providing scientific, *economic or technical* advice;

Amendment 495

Proposal for a regulation

Article 79 – paragraph 2 – point e a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Data collection

Data collection

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

Amendment 496

Proposal for a regulation

Article 79 – paragraph 2 – point e b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Data collection

Amendment

Data collection

(eb) the operating costs incurred by the collection and processing of data.

Amendment 497

Proposal for a regulation

Article 79 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 79 a

Penalties

The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts, in accordance with Article 150, penalising a Member State by freezing and/or decreasing funds from the EMFF for failure:

(a) to fulfil its data collection and transmission obligations or fail to report its actual fishing fleet capacity; or

(b) to tackle problems with IUU-fishing within its waters and/or within its fishing fleet.

Amendment 498

Proposal for a regulation

Article 81 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Support under this Chapter shall contribute to the development and implementation of the Union's Integrated Maritime Policy. It shall:

Support under this Chapter shall contribute to ***enhancing*** the development and implementation of the Union's Integrated Maritime Policy. It shall:

Amendment 499

Proposal for a regulation

Article 81 – paragraph 1 – point a – point i

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(i) promoting actions which encourage

(i) promoting actions which encourage

Member States and *EU* regions to develop introduce or implement integrated maritime governance;

Member States and *their* regions to develop, introduce or implement integrated maritime governance;

Amendment 500

Proposal for a regulation

Article 81 – paragraph 1 – point a – point ii

Text proposed by the Commission

(ii) promoting dialogue and cooperation with and among Member States and stakeholders on marine and maritime issues, including by developing sea-basin strategies;

Amendment

(ii) promoting dialogue and cooperation with and among Member States and stakeholders on marine and maritime issues, including by developing ***and implementing integrated*** sea-basin strategies, ***bearing in mind the need for a balanced approach in all sea basins and taking into account the specific characteristics of maritime basins and sub-basins and the relevant macroregional strategies, where appropriate;***

Amendment 501

Proposal for a regulation

Article 81 – paragraph 1 – point a – point iii

Text proposed by the Commission

(iii) promoting cross-sectoral cooperation platforms and networks, including representatives of public authorities, regional and local authorities, industry, the tourism sector, research stakeholders, citizens, civil society organisations and the social partners;

Amendment

(iii) promoting cross-sectoral cooperation platforms and networks, including representatives of ***national*** public authorities, regional and local authorities, industry, the tourism sector, research stakeholders, citizens, civil society organisations and the social partners, ***including within sea basins strategies;***

Amendment 502

Proposal for a regulation

Article 81 – paragraph 1 – point a – point iv

Text proposed by the Commission

(iv) promoting the exchange of best practices and dialogue at international level, including bilateral dialogue with third countries without prejudice to other

Amendment

(iv) promoting the exchange of best practices and dialogue at international level, including bilateral dialogue with third countries, ***taking into account the***

agreements or arrangements which may exist between the EU and the third countries concerned;

United Convention of 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;

Amendment 503

Proposal for a regulation

Article 81 – paragraph 1 – point b – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) **Contribute** to the development of cross-sectoral initiatives that are mutually beneficial to different maritime sectors and/or sectoral policies, taking into account and building upon existing tools and initiatives, such as:

Amendment

(b) **contribute** to the development of cross-sectoral initiatives that are mutually beneficial to different maritime **and marine** sectors and/or sectoral policies, taking into account and building upon existing tools and initiatives, such as:

Amendment 504

Proposal for a regulation

Article 81 – paragraph 1 – point b – point i

Text proposed by the Commission

(i) integrated maritime surveillance to enhance effectiveness and efficiency through information exchange across sectors and borders while taking due account of existing and future systems;

Amendment

(i) integrated maritime surveillance to enhance **security**, effectiveness and efficiency through information exchange across sectors and borders while taking due account of existing and future systems;

Amendment 505

Proposal for a regulation

Article 81 – paragraph 1 – 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 **to reduce duplication**, facilitate sharing, re-use and dissemination of these data and knowledge among various user groups.

Amendment 506

Proposal for a regulation

Article 81 – paragraph 1 – point b a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ba) improve the cooperation between Member States through the exchange of information and best practices among the various coast guard functions, with the aim of creating a European Coast Guard.

Amendment 507

Proposal for a regulation

Article 81 – paragraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(c) **Supporting** sustainable economic growth, employment, innovation and new technologies within emerging and prospective maritime sectors in coastal regions, in complementarity with established sectoral and national activities.

(c) **support** sustainable economic growth, employment, innovation and new technologies within emerging and prospective maritime sectors, **as well as** in coastal, **insular and outermost** regions of **the Union**, in complementarity with established sectoral and national activities.

Amendment 508

Proposal for a regulation

Article 81 – paragraph 1 – point c a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ca) support the development of human capital in the maritime sector, in particular by promoting cooperation and exchanges in the field of training.

Amendment 509

Proposal for a regulation

Article 81 – paragraph 1 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

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

(d) **promote** 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.

marine and coastal resources *by applying an ecosystem-based approach* to the *management* of human activities, in *accordance with the objectives* of *achieving and maintaining a good environmental status as required by* the Marine Strategy Framework Directive.

Amendment 510

Proposal for a regulation

Article 82 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) projects, including test projects and cooperation projects;

Amendment

(b) projects, *from design to implementation*, including test *and pilot* projects and *national and cross-border* cooperation projects;

Amendment 511

Proposal for a regulation

Article 82 – paragraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) public information and sharing best practice, awareness raising campaigns and associated communication and dissemination activities such as publicity campaigns, events, the development and maintenance of websites, stakeholder platforms, including corporate communication of the political priorities of the Union as far as they are related to the general objectives of this Regulation;

Amendment

(c) public information and sharing best practice, *including with regard to relevant effective European research programmes*, awareness raising campaigns and associated communication and dissemination activities such as publicity campaigns, events, the development and maintenance of websites, stakeholder platforms, including corporate communication of the political priorities of the Union as far as they are related to the general objectives of this Regulation;

Amendment 512

Proposal for a regulation

Article 82 – paragraph 1 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

(d) conferences, seminars and workshops;

Amendment

(d) conferences, seminars, *forums* and workshops;

Amendment 513

Proposal for a regulation

Article 82 – paragraph 1 – point e

Text proposed by the Commission

(e) exchange of best practices, coordination activities including information sharing networks and *steering mechanisms* for sea–basin strategies;

Amendment

(e) exchange of best practices, coordination activities including information sharing networks and *development support* for sea–basin strategies;

Amendment 514

Proposal for a regulation

Article 82 – paragraph 1 – point f

Text proposed by the Commission

(f) the development, operation and maintenance of IT–systems and networks enabling the gathering, administration, validation, analysis and exchange of, and the development of sampling methods for, data *related to fisheries*, as well as interconnection to cross–sectoral data exchange systems;

Amendment

(f) the development, operation and maintenance of IT–systems and networks enabling the gathering, administration, validation, analysis and exchange of, and the development of sampling methods for data, as well as interconnection to cross–sectoral data exchange systems;

Amendment 515

Proposal for a regulation

Article 82 – paragraph 1 – point f a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(fa) training projects for the development of knowledge, professional qualifications and measures aimed to promote professional development in the maritime sector;

Amendment 516

Proposal for a regulation

Article 82 – paragraph 1 – point f b(new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(fb) relevant instruments for integrated coastal areas management, maritime spatial planning and management of

resources shared at sea–basin level;

Amendment 517

Proposal for a regulation

Article 82 – paragraph 1 – point f c(new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(fc) technical assistance under Article 51 of Regulation (EU) No .../..... [laying down common provisions].

Amendment 518

Proposal for a regulation

Article 82 – paragraph 2 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2. In order to achieve the specific objective of developing cross–sectoral operations set out in Article 81 b), the EMFF may support:

2. In order to achieve the specific objective of developing **cross–border and** cross–sectoral operations set out in Article 81 b), the EMFF may support:

Amendment 519

Proposal for a regulation

Article 82 – paragraph 2 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(b) activities of coordination and cooperation among Member States to develop maritime spatial planning and integrated coastal zone management, including expenditure related to systems and practices of data sharing and monitoring, evaluation activities, the setting up and running of networks of experts, and the setting up of a programme aiming at building capacity for Member States to implement maritime spatial planning;

(b) activities of coordination and cooperation among Member States **and, where appropriate, between Member States and regions**, to develop maritime spatial planning and integrated coastal zone management, including expenditure related to systems and practices of data sharing and monitoring, evaluation activities, the setting up and running of networks of experts, and the setting up of a programme aiming at building capacity for Member States to implement maritime spatial planning;

Amendment 520

Proposal for a regulation

Article 82 – paragraph 2 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) the technical tools for setting up and running of an operational European Marine Observation and Data Network **aiming** to facilitate the collection, assembling, quality control, re-use and distribution of marine data through cooperation between the Member **states** institutions involved in the network.

Amendment

(c) the technical tools for setting up and running of an operational European Marine Observation and Data Network **which aims** to facilitate the collection, **acquisition**, assembling, quality control, re-use and distribution of marine data **and knowledge**, through cooperation between the Member **States'** institutions involved in the network.

Amendment 521

Proposal for a regulation

Article 84 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

Measures under this Chapter shall facilitate the implementation of the CFP and IMP in particular **as** regard to:

Amendment

Measures under this Chapter shall facilitate the implementation of the CFP and IMP in particular **with** regard to:

Amendment 522

Proposal for a regulation

Article 84 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) scientific advice under CFP;

Amendment

(a) **collection, management and dissemination of** scientific advice under **the** CFP;

Amendment 523

Proposal for a regulation

Article 84 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) specific control and enforcement measures under CFP;

Amendment

(b) specific control and enforcement measures under CFP, **including labour inspections**;

Amendment 524

Proposal for a regulation

Article 84 – paragraph 1 – point d a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(da) social dialogue and the involvement of social partners;

Amendment 525

Proposal for a regulation

Article 84 – paragraph 1 – point e

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(e) market intelligence;

(e) market intelligence, *including the establishment of electronic markets;*

Amendment 526

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 Regulation (EU) No .../..... [on CFP] 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 Regulation (EU) No .../..... [on CFP];

Amendment 527

Proposal for a regulation

Article 85 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1. The EMFF may support the provision of scientific deliverables, particularly

1. The EMFF may support the provision of scientific deliverables, particularly

applied–research projects directly linked to the provision of scientific opinions and advice, for the purpose of sound and efficient fisheries management decisions under the CFP.

applied–research projects directly linked to the provision of scientific **and socio–economic** opinions and advice, for the purpose of sound and efficient fisheries management decisions under the CFP.

Amendment 528

Proposal for a regulation

Article 85 – paragraph 2 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) studies and pilot projects needed for the implementation and development of the CFP, including on alternative types of sustainable fishing management techniques;

Amendment

(a) studies and pilot projects needed for the implementation and development of the CFP, including on alternative types of sustainable fishing **and aquaculture** management techniques, **including within Advisory Councils**;

Amendment 529

Proposal for a regulation

Article 85 – paragraph 2 – point a a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(aa) studies necessary for the implementation and development of the CFP in biogeographically sensitive areas;

Amendment 530

Proposal for a regulation

Article 85 – paragraph 2 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) the preparation and provision of scientific opinions and advice by scientific bodies, including international advisory bodies in charge of stock assessments, by **independent** experts and by research institutions;

Amendment

(b) the preparation and provision of scientific opinions and advice by scientific bodies, including international advisory bodies in charge of stock assessments, by experts and by research institutions;

Amendment 531

Proposal for a regulation

Article 85 – paragraph 2 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) the participation of experts in the meetings on fisheries scientific and technical issues and expert working groups as well as in international advisory bodies and in meetings where contribution of fisheries experts will be required;

Amendment

(c) the participation of experts in the meetings on fisheries scientific and technical issues and expert working groups as well as in international advisory bodies and in meetings where contribution of fisheries ***and aquaculture*** experts will be required;

Amendment 532

Proposal for a regulation

Article 85 – paragraph 2 – point c a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ca) funding of research vessels conducting scientific research programmes in areas outside Union waters where the Union is operating under fisheries agreements;

Amendment 533

Proposal for a regulation

Article 85 – paragraph 2 – point e

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(e) cooperation activities between the Member States in the field of data collection, including the setting-up and running of regionalized databases for storage, management and use of data which will benefit regional cooperation and improve data collection and management activities as well as the scientific expertise in support of fisheries management.

(e) cooperation activities between the Member States in the field of data collection, including the ***various regional stakeholders and including the*** setting-up and running of regionalized databases for storage, management and use of data which will benefit regional cooperation and improve data collection and management activities as well as the scientific expertise in support of fisheries management;

Amendment 534

Proposal for a regulation

Article 85 – paragraph 2 – point e a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ea) the establishment of electronic markets to better coordinate information between market operators and processors.

Amendment 535

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

(a) joint purchase by several Member States belonging to the same geographical area, of patrol vessels, aircrafts and helicopters, provided they are used ***for fisheries control*** at least 60 % of the ***total time that the equipment is used, calculated on an annual basis***;

Amendment 536

Proposal for a regulation

Article 86 – paragraph 2 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

b) expenditure relating to the assessment and development of new control technologies;

(b) expenditure relating to the assessment and development of new control technologies ***as well as processes for the exchange of data between authorities and institutions with responsibilities in areas such as security, rescue and control in the Union***;

Amendment 537

Proposal for a regulation

Article 88 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1. The EMFF ***may*** support operating costs of the Advisory Councils as set up by ***Article 52 of*** [Regulation on Common Fisheries Policy].

1. The EMFF ***shall*** support ***the necessary*** operating ***and expertise*** costs of the Advisory Councils as set up by [Regulation on Common Fisheries Policy], ***in order to ensure that they carry out their tasks fully***

and effectively.

Amendment 538

**Proposal for a regulation
Article 88 – paragraph 1 a (new)**

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1a. The EMFF may support the operating costs of Advisory Councils where those costs promote the involvement and participation of organisations of fishermen and other stakeholders.

Amendment 539

**Proposal for a regulation
Article 88 – paragraph 1 b (new)**

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1b. The EMFF shall support operating, technical and scientific costs associated with carrying out studies to underpin the recommendations of the Advisory Councils.

Amendment 540

**Proposal for a regulation
Article 88 a (new)**

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 88 a

Social Dialogue

The EMFF may support the operational costs of structures that promote the social dialogue and the involvement of the social partners.

Amendment 541

**Proposal for a regulation
Article 89 – paragraph 1**

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

The EMFF may support the development

The EMFF may support the development

and dissemination of market intelligence for fishery and aquaculture products by the Commission in accordance with Article 49 of [Regulation (EU) No on the common organisation of the markets in fishery and aquaculture products].

and dissemination of market intelligence for fishery and aquaculture products by the Commission in accordance with Article 49 of [Regulation (EU) No on the common organisation of the markets in fishery and aquaculture products], **including establishing electronic markets to better coordinate information between market operators and processors;**

Amendment 542

Proposal for a regulation

Article 91 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) the **implementation** of sustainable fisheries agreements and the Union participation in regional fisheries management organisations;

Amendment

(b) the **preparation, monitoring and evaluation** of sustainable fisheries agreements and the Union participation in regional fisheries management organisations; **the measures in question shall consist of studies, meetings, expert involvement, temporary staff costs, information activities and any other administrative costs or costs arising from scientific or technical assistance by the Commission.**

Amendment 543

Proposal for a regulation

Article 92 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The EMFF may support, at the initiative of a Member State, subject to a ceiling of **5** % of the total amount of the operational programme:

Amendment

1. The EMFF may support, at the initiative of a Member State, subject to a ceiling of **6** % of the total amount of the operational programme:

Amendment 544

Proposal for a regulation

Article 94 – paragraph 3 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) **100** % of the eligible public expenditure for the support under storage aid referred to

Amendment

(a) **50** % of the eligible public expenditure for the support under storage aid referred to

in Article 70;

in Article 70;

Amendment 545

Proposal for a regulation

Article 94 – paragraph 3 – point a a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(aa) 100% of the eligible public expenditure for the preparation of production and marketing plans referred to in Article 69;

Amendment 546

Proposal for a regulation

Article 94 – paragraph 3 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(d) **80** % of the eligible public expenditure for the support referred to in Article 78(2)(a) to (d) and (f) to (j);

(d) **90** % of the eligible public expenditure for the support referred to in Article 78(2)(a) to (d) and (f) to (j);

Amendment 547

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) **80** % of the eligible expenditure for the support referred to in Article 79.

Amendment 548

Proposal for a regulation

Article 94 – paragraph 3 – point e a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ea) plus 10 percentage points, plus the maximum EMFF contribution rate, where operations are financed by the EMFF in the outlying Greek islands and in the outermost regions that, due to their remoteness, are at a disadvantage;

Amendment 549

Proposal for a regulation

Article 95 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. Member States shall apply a maximum intensity of public aid of **50** % of the total eligible expenditure of the operation.

Amendment

1. Member States shall apply a maximum intensity of public aid of **60** % of the total eligible expenditure of the operation.

Amendment 550

Proposal for a regulation

Article 95 – paragraph 2 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) the beneficiary is a public law body;

Amendment

(a) the beneficiary is a public law body *or a private body performing public service tasks*;

Amendment 551

Proposal for a regulation

Article 95 – paragraph 2 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

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

Amendment

deleted

Amendment 552

Proposal for a regulation

Article 95 – paragraph 3 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

3. By way of derogation from paragraph 1, Member States may apply an intensity of public aid between **50** % and maximum100% of the total eligible expenditure when the operation is implemented under *Chapter* III of Title V and fulfils *one* of the following criteria:

Amendment

3. By way of derogation from paragraph 1, Member States may apply an intensity of public aid between **60** % and maximum100% of the total eligible expenditure when the operation is implemented under *Chapters I, II, III or IV* of Title V and fulfils *two or more* of the following criteria:

Amendment 553

Proposal for a regulation

Article 98 – 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, the sustainability of the stocks concerned or the conservation of the marine environment ***or the achievement and maintenance of a good environmental status by 2020.***

Amendment 576

Proposal for a regulation Article 99 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

I. In addition to the general rules set out in Article 114 of [Regulation (EU) No [...] laying down Common Provisions] the managing authority shall

(a) provide the Commission, on a biannual basis, with relevant data on operations selected for funding, including key characteristics of the beneficiary and the operation itself. The Commission shall lay down, by means of implementing act, rules for the presentation of these data in accordance with the advisory procedure referred to in Article 128(2).

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Amendment 554

Proposal for a regulation Article 100 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1. In addition to Article 135 of [Regulation (EU) No [...] laying down Common Provisions], the Member States shall in the first instance be responsible also for investigating the cases of non-compliance with rules applicable under the Common Fisheries Policy.

(Does not affect English version.)

Amendment 555

Proposal for a regulation Article 100 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2. For the cases of financial corrections applied on expenditure directly linked to the non-compliance with Article 98, 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.

2. For the cases of financial corrections applied on expenditure directly linked to the non-compliance with Article 98, the Member States shall decide the amount of a correction taking into account the *gravity (including the extent, duration and any re-occurrence)* 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 577

Proposal for a regulation
Article 102

Text proposed by the Commission

1. In addition to Article 134 of [Regulation (EU) No [...] laying down Common Provisions], the Commission may suspend, by means of an implementing act, all or part of the interim payments of the operational programme where:

the Commission has adopted a decision by means of an implementing act recognising that a Member State has failed to comply with its obligations under the Common Fisheries Policy. Such non compliance shall be liable to affect the expenditure contained in a certified statement of expenditure for which the interim payment is requested.

2. The Commission may lay down, by means of implementing acts adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 128(3), detailed rules on the payments which may be suspended.

Amendment

1. In addition to Article 134 of [Regulation (EU) No [...] laying down Common Provisions], the Commission may suspend, by means of an implementing act, all or part of the interim payments of the operational programme where:

(a) there is a serious deficiency in the management and control system of the operational programme for which corrective measures have not been taken;

(b) expenditure in a certified statement of expenditure is linked to a serious irregularity or other case of non compliance which has not been corrected;

(c) the Member State has failed to take the necessary action to remedy the situation giving rise to an interruption under Article 118;

(d) there is a serious deficiency in the quality and reliability of the monitoring system;

(e) the Commission has adopted a decision by means of an implementing act recognising that a Member State has failed to comply with its obligations under the Common Fisheries Policy. Such non compliance shall be liable to affect the expenditure contained in a certified statement of expenditure for which the interim payment is requested;

(f) the conditions referred to in Article 17(5) and Article 20(3) of Regulation (EU) No [...] laying down Common Provisions] are fulfilled.

2. The Commission may decide, by means of implementing act, to suspend all or part of interim payments after having given the Member State the opportunity to present its observations within a period of

The amounts of those payments shall be proportionate to the nature and importance of the non-compliance by the Member State.

two months. The Commission may lay down, by means of implementing acts adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 151(3), detailed rules on the part of the payments which may be suspended. *Those* amounts shall be proportionate to the nature and importance of the ***deficiency, irregularity or*** non-compliance by the Member State.

2a. The Commission shall decide, by means of implementing act to end the suspension of all or part of interim payments where the Member State has taken the necessary measures to enable the suspension to be lifted. Where such measures are not taken by the Member State, the Commission may adopt, by means of implementing act, a decision to apply financial corrections by cancelling all or part of the Union contribution to the operational programme in accordance with Articles 128 and Article 129.

Amendment 578

Proposal for a regulation Article 103 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 103a

On-the-spot controls by the Commission

1. Without prejudice to the controls carried out by Member States under national laws, regulations and administrative provisions or Article 287 of the Treaty, and any check organised under Article 322 of the Treaty, the Commission may organise on-the-spot controls in Member States with a view to verifying in particular:

(a) compliance of administrative practices with Union rules;

(b) the existence of the requisite supporting documents and their

correlation with the operations financed by the EMFF;

(c) the terms on which the operations financed by the EMFF have been undertaken and controlled.

2. Persons delegated by the Commission to carry out on-the-spot controls or Commission agents acting within the scope of the powers conferred upon them shall have access to the books and all other documents, including documents and metadata drawn up or received and recorded on an electronic medium, relating to expenditure financed by the EMFF.

4. The Commission shall give sufficient prior notice of an on-the-spot control to the Member State concerned or to the Member State within whose territory the control is to take place. Agents from the Member State concerned may take part in such controls.

5. At the request of the Commission and with the agreement of the Member State concerned, additional controls or inquiries into the operations covered by this Regulation shall be undertaken by the competent bodies of that Member State. Commission agents or persons delegated by the Commission may take part in such controls.

6. In order to improve controls, the Commission may, with the agreement of the Member States concerned, request the assistance of the authorities of those Member States for certain controls or inquiries.

7. The Commission may, by means of implementing acts, adopted in accordance with the advisory procedure referred to in Article 151(2), lay down rules regarding the procedures to comply with when additional controls referred to in paragraphs 5 and 6 are carried out.

Amendment 579

Proposal for a regulation Article 104

Text proposed by the Commission

On request by the Commission Member States shall communicate to the Commission their laws, regulations and administrative provisions which they have adopted for implementing Union acts relating to the Common Fisheries Policy, where those acts have a financial impact on the EMFF.

Amendment

1. Member States shall make available to the Commission all information necessary for the smooth operation of the EMFF and shall take all appropriate measures to facilitate the controls which the Commission deems appropriate in connection with the management of Union financing, including on-the-spot controls.

2. On request by the Commission Member States shall communicate to the Commission their laws, regulations and administrative provisions which they have adopted for implementing Union acts relating to the Common Fisheries Policy, where those acts have a financial impact on the EMFF.

3. Member States shall make available to the Commission all information about irregularities and suspected fraud cases detected, and about the steps taken to recover undue payments in connection with those irregularities and frauds pursuant to Article 116.

Amendment 580

Proposal for a regulation Article 107

Text proposed by the Commission

In addition to paragraph 2 of Article 137

Amendment

1. Before taking a decision on a financial correction by means of implementing acts, the Commission shall open the procedure by informing the Member State of its provisional conclusions and requesting the Member State to submit its comments within two months.

2. Where the Commission proposes a

*of [Regulation (EU) No [...] laying down Common Provisions], where the Commission proposes a financial correction referred to in Article 106(2) the Member State shall be given the opportunity to demonstrate, through an examination of the documentation concerned, that the actual extent of **the case of** non compliance with CFP rules, **and its link to the expenditure** was less than the Commission's assessment.*

*financial correction **on the basis of extrapolation or at a flat rate**, the Member State shall be given the opportunity to demonstrate, through an examination of the documentation concerned, that the actual extent of **irregularity or other case of non compliance, including** non compliance with CFP rules, was less than the Commission's assessment. **In agreement with the Commission, the Member State may limit the scope of this examination to an appropriate proportion or sample of the documentation concerned. Except in duly justified cases, the time allowed for this examination shall not exceed a further period of two months after the two-month period referred to in paragraph 1.***

3. The Commission shall take account of any evidence supplied by the Member State within the time limits referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2.

4. Where the Member State does not accept the provisional conclusions of the Commission, the Member State shall be invited to a hearing by the Commission, in order to ensure that all relevant information and observations are available as a basis for conclusions by the Commission on the application of the financial correction.

5. In order to apply financial corrections the Commission shall take a decision, by means of implementing acts, within six months of the date of the hearing, or of receipt of additional information where the Member State agrees to submit such additional information following the hearing. The Commission shall take account of all information and observations submitted during the course of the procedure. If no hearing takes place, the six-month period shall begin to run two months after the date of the letter of invitation to the hearing sent by the Commission.

6. Where irregularities affecting annual

accounts sent to the Commission are detected by the Commission or by the Court of Auditors, the resulting financial correction shall reduce support from the EMFF to the operational programme.

Amendment 557

Proposal for a regulation Article 111 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1. Key information on the implementation of the programme, on each operation selected for funding, as well as on completed operations, needed for monitoring and evaluation, including the key characteristics of the beneficiary and the project, shall be recorded and maintained electronically.

(Does not affect the English version)

Amendment 558

Proposal for a regulation Article 113– paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2. The managing authority and the monitoring committee shall carry out monitoring of the operational programme by means of financial, output and target indicators.

(Does not affect the English version)

Amendment 559

Proposal for a regulation Article 114 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a) shall be consulted and issue an opinion, within four months of the decision approving the programme, on the selection criteria for the financed operations; the selection criteria shall be revised according to programming needs;

(Does not affect the English version)

Amendments 581,560 and 561

Proposal for a regulation
Article 120 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The managing authority shall be responsible in accordance with Article 99(1)(b) for:

(a) ensuring the establishment of a single website or a single website portal providing information on, and access to, the operational **programme** in each Member State;

(b) informing potential beneficiaries about funding opportunities under the operational programme;

(c) publicising to Union citizens the role and achievements of the EMFF through information and communication actions on the results and impact of Partnership Contracts, operational programmes and operations.

Amendment

1. The managing authority shall be responsible in accordance with Article 99(1)(b) **to (d)** for:

(a) ensuring the establishment of a single website or a single website portal providing information on, and **easy** access to, the operational **programmes** in each Member State;

(b) informing potential beneficiaries about funding opportunities under the operational programme **and the obligation to comply with the rules of the Common Fisheries Policy**;

(c) publicising to Union citizens the role and achievements of the EMFF through information and communication actions on the results and impact of Partnership Contracts, operational programmes and operations;

(d) ensuring that a summary of measures towards ensuring the compliance with CFP rules including the cases of non-compliance by Member States or beneficiaries as well as the remedy actions such as financial corrections taken, is made publicly available.

Amendment 562

Proposal for a regulation
Article 120 – paragraph 4 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

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

Amendment 563

Proposal for a regulation

Annex I – table – line 1

Text proposed by the Commission

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| Type of operations | Percentage points |
| Related to small scale coastal fisheries may benefit from an increase by | 25 |

Amendment

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| Type of operations | Percentage points |
| Related to small scale coastal fisheries may benefit from an increase by | 30 |

Amendment 564

Proposal for a regulation

Annexe I – table – line 5

Text proposed by the Commission

| Type of operations | Percentage points |
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| Implemented by producer organisation <i>or associations</i> of producer organisations may benefit from an increase by | 20 |

Amendment

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| Type of operations | Percentage points |
| Implemented by producer organisation, <i>an association</i> of producer organisations, <i>a professional fishermen's organisation recognised by the Member State or an interbranch organisation</i> , may benefit from an increase by | 30 |

Amendment 565

Proposal for a regulation

Annex I – table – line 5 a (new)

Amendment by Parliament

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| Type of operations | Percentage points |
|--------------------|-------------------|

Compliance with the requirements of all the sustainability criteria that the Member States may apply could lead to an increase of **10**

Amendment 566

Proposal for a regulation Annex I – table – line 8

Text proposed by the Commission

Type of operations **Percentage points**

Operations performed by companies considered to be outside the definition of SMEs: a reduction of **20**

Amendment by Parliament

Type of operations **Percentage points**

Operations performed by companies considered to be outside the definition of SMEs: a reduction of **15**

Amendment 567

Proposal for a regulation Annex I – table – line 8 a (new)

Amendment by Parliament

Type of operations **Percentage points**

If they fulfil the requirements of the set of sustainability criteria that the Member States may implement, they may receive an additional **10**

Amendment 568

Proposal for a regulation Annex III – table 1 – line 7 a (new)

Amendment by Parliament

7a. Legislation relating to working conditions

Respect by operators of Union law on working conditions.

The effective application and implementation of Union law on working conditions covering:

– law relating to working hours and rest periods for fishermen;

– health and safety law;

– law relating to the initial qualifications and further training of fishermen.

Amendment 569

**Proposal for a regulation
Annex III – table 2 – line 3**

Text proposed by the Commission

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| <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>Proven administrative capacity to prepare and apply a multi-annual programme for data collection, to be reviewed by STECF and accepted by the Commission</p> <p>Proven administrative capacity to prepare and implement an annual work plan for data collection, to be reviewed by STECF and accepted by the Commission</p> <p>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</p> |
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| <p>EMFF Priority: 6 Fostering the implementation of the CFP</p> <p>TO 6: protecting the environment</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>Specific analysis of the balance between fishing capacity and</i></p> | <p>Proven administrative capacity to prepare and apply a multi-annual programme for data collection, to be reviewed by STECF and accepted by the Commission</p> <p>Proven administrative capacity to prepare and implement an annual work plan for data collection, to be reviewed by STECF and accepted by the Commission</p> <p>Sufficient capacity in human</p> |
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| and promoting resource efficiency | <i>fishing opportunity has been carried out in order to ensure the effective implementation of fleet management measures</i> | 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 Regulation (EU) No .../..... [on the CFP].</i> |
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Amendment 570

Proposal for a regulation

Annex III – table 2 – line 4 a (new)

Amendment by Parliament

EU priority for EMFF/
CSF Thematic Objective
(TO)

EMFF Priority:

6 Fostering the implementation of the CFP

TO 6: protecting the environment and promoting resource efficiency.

Ex ante conditionality

Annual assessment of the balance between fishing capacity and fishing opportunities: Specific analysis of the balance between fishing capacity and fishing opportunities has been carried out in order to ensure the effective implementation of fleet management measures that concern reduction of the capacity of the fleet and direct investments on vessels.

Criteria for fulfilment

The specific actions include:

- Proven administrative capacity to prepare and implement fleet capacity assessments;*
- Adequate reporting on efforts to establish a balance between fishing capacity and fishing opportunities, as required by Articles 34 and 37 [of the proposed Basic Regulation].*

Amendment 614

Proposal for a regulation

Annex IV – point 1 – paragraph 1 – indent 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

– Beneficiary name (*only legal entities; no natural persons shall be named*);

– Beneficiary name;

Amendment 582

Proposal for a regulation

Annex IV – points 2 and 3

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

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(c) displaying the flag of the European Union in front of, or at a place visible to the public, at the premises of each managing authority;

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(d) publishing electronically the list of operations in accordance with section 1;

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(g) updating information about the operational programme's implementation, including its main achievements, on the single website or on the operational programme's website that is accessible through the single website portal.

3. The managing authority shall involve in information and publicity measures, in accordance with national laws and practices, the following bodies:

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i) information centres on Europe, as well as Commission representation offices in the Member States;

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2. The managing authority shall ensure that potential beneficiaries are informed on at least the following:

(a) the conditions of eligibility of expenditure to be met in order to qualify for support under an operational programme;

(b) a description of the admissibility conditions for applications, procedures for examining applications for funding and of the time periods involved;

(c) the criteria for selecting the operations to be supported;

(d) the contacts at national, regional or local level that are able to provide information on the operational programmes;

(e) that applications should propose communication activities, proportional to the size of the operation, in order to inform the public about the operation's aims and the EU support to the operation.

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