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Subject: Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and the Council on the conservation of fishery resources and the protection of marine ecosystems through technical measures, amending Council Regulations (EC) No 1967/2006, (EC) No 1098/2007, (EC) No 1224/2009 and Regulations (EU) No 1343/2011 and (EU) No 1380/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council, and repealing Council Regulations (EC) No 894/97, (EC) No 850/98, (EC) No 2549/2000, (EC) No 254/2002, (EC) No 812/2004 and (EC) No 2187/2005 (First reading)
- Presentation by the Commission

1. On 11 March 2016, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Regulation on the conservation of fishery resources and the protection of marine ecosystems through technical measures, amending Council Regulations (EC) No 1967/2006, (EC) No 1098/2007, (EC) No 1224/2009 and Regulations (EU) No 1343/2011 and (EU) No 1380/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council, and repealing Council Regulations (EC) No 894/97, (EC) No 850/98, (EC) No 2549/2000, (EC) No 254/2002, (EC) No 812/2004 and (EC) No 2187/2005¹.

¹ cf. doc. 6993/16 PECHE 79 CODEC 281 IA 9 + ADD1.

2. The objective of the proposal is to replace the current framework of rules in order to optimise the contribution of technical measures to achieving the key objectives of the new Common Fisheries Policy. The proposal principally changes the governance structure of technical measures, rather than introducing changes to the measures themselves. It seeks to allow for improved flexibility and incentives to increase fishing selectivity.
 3. On 31 March 2016, the Working Party had a presentation of the proposal and a preliminary exchange of views². The impact assessment³ which was tabled with the proposal was also discussed on the same date.
 4. The Presidency considers it important to have a presentation of the proposal in the Council prior to the further technical examination.
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² cf. doc. 7475/16 PECHE 113 CODEC 360 IA 12.

³ cf. doc. 6993/16 ADD 2 + 3.