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Subject: Draft REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL establishing a multiannual plan for stocks fished in the Western Waters and adjacent waters, and for fisheries exploiting those stocks, amending Regulations (EU) 2016/1139 and (EU) 2018/973, and repealing Regulations (EC) No 811/2004, (EC) No 2166/2005, (EC) No 388/2006, (EC) No 509/2007 and (EC) No 1300/2008 **(first reading)**

- Adoption of the legislative act
- Statements

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#### **Commission Statement on European seabass**

Inclusion of European seabass in the list of species in Article 1(1) of the Plan does not imply that a TAC would need to be established.

#### **Commission statement on variations in scientific advice**

Where, on the basis of the best available scientific advice, the Commission proposes setting TACs that deviate by more than 20% from the previously established TAC level, these cases will be listed in the explanatory memorandum of the Commission Proposal, providing, where appropriate, the underlying reasons for the TAC variations.