

New EU Technical Measures (2016/0074(COD)): how will these be implemented in the Baltic ?



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Recent developments

- On **16 th of January 2018** European Parliament adopted its draft resolution on the proposal, and authorised the opening of negotiations with the Council;
- On **23 of January 2018** four column proposal (EC, EP and Council general approach, comments) was presented in order to launch a trilogies;
- During the trilogies starting in March (before Easter) the **final shape** of the Regulation will be decided.

	COMMISSION proposal COM(2016) 134	EP position 16/01/2018	COUNCIL General Approach doc. 8151/17 of 24/04/2017	COMMENTS
Art. 3 - para. 2 point (b)	(b) ensure that bycatches of marine species listed under Directives 92/43/EEC and 2009/147/EC and other sensitive species that result from fishing are minimised and where possible eliminated such that they do not represent a threat to the conservation status of these species;	Amendment 49 (b) ensure that bycatches of <u>ensuring that incidental catches of sensitive</u> marine species, <u>in particular those</u> listed under Directives 92/43/EEC and 2009/147/EC and other sensitive , that result from fishing are minimised and where possible eliminated; such that they do not represent a threat to the conservation status of these species;		
Art. 3 - para. 2 point (c)	(c) ensure that the environmental impacts of fishing on marine habitats are minimised and where possible eliminated such that they do not represent a threat to the conservation status of those habitats;	Amendment 50 (c) ensure <u>ensuring, including by using appropriate incentives</u> , that the <u>negative</u> environmental impacts of fishing on marine habitats are minimised and where possible eliminated such that they do not represent a threat to the conservation status of those habitats;	(c) ensure that the environmental impacts of fishing on marine habitats are minimised and where possible eliminated such that they do not represent a threat to the conservation status of those habitats;	
Art. 3 - para. 2 point (d)	(d) contribute to having in place fisheries management measures for the purposes of complying with the obligations under Directives 92/43/EEC, 2009/147/EC, 2008/56/EC and 2000/60/EC.	Amendment 51 (d) contribute to having in place fisheries management measures for the purposes of complying with the obligations under Directives 92/43/EEC, 2009/147/EC, 2008/56/EC and 2000/60/EC.		
		Amendments 294 and 300 Article 3 - paragraph 2 - point d a (new) <u>(da) ensuring that the conditions described in Descriptors 1, 3, 4 and 6 of Commission Decision 2010/477/EU</u>		

Most important articles for ASCOBANS

Main text

- **Recital 8, 16, 32 (reference to ASCOBANS), 33, 37 and 39 (mostly EP suggestions) says:** about elimination of by catch of sensitive species, mitigation measures and possible driftnet ban (Recital 33);
- **Art. 3 - para. 2 point (b), Art. 4 - para. 1 point (b)** says about elimination of by-catches of protected fish species;
- **Art. 6 - para. 1** acoustic deterrent device definition, driftnet definition without semi-driftnets (EP and Council General Approach);

Section III Protection of sensitive species and habitats

- **Art. 12** Bycatches of marine mammals, seabirds and marine reptiles (**para 1**, it is not allowed to keep them on-board with an exception for scientific analysis – **para 3**). **Art. 12 para 2** EP proposal: to record all bycatches by fishing vessel operators;
- **Art. 13** Mitigation of impact of fishing gears on vulnerable areas, **Art. 25** Nature conservation measures.

Annex VIII Baltic Sea

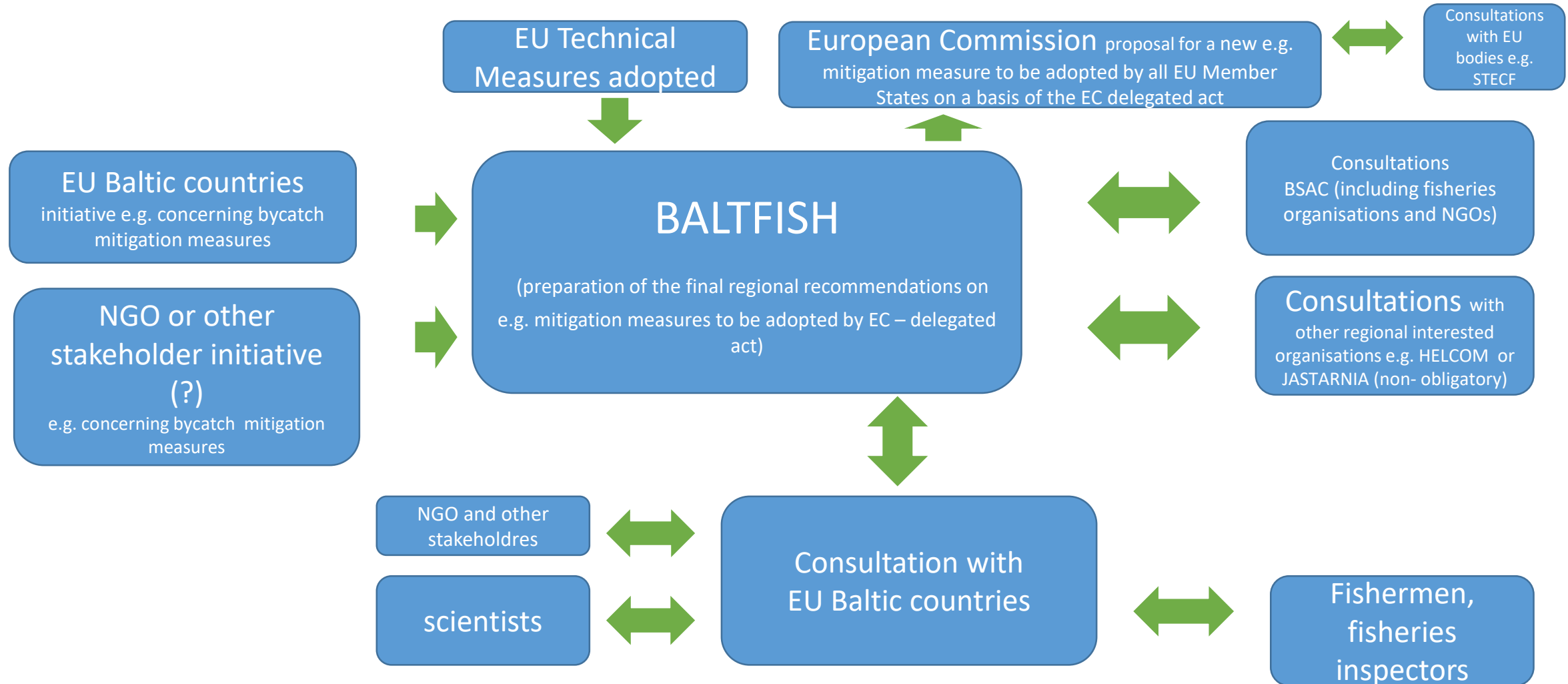
Part D Mitigation measures for sensitive species

Proposal of the EP to put pingers on all vessels above 12 metres using gillnets is in accordance with the Commission proposal.

In the Council General Approach view, proposal should be deleted.

The effectiveness of pingers should be assessed on a basis of scientific programs or pilot projects.

What next? how will these be implemented in the Baltic?



Thank you

