

Marine Recreational Fisheries in the revised EU Fisheries Control Regulation (Reg. EU 2323/2842)

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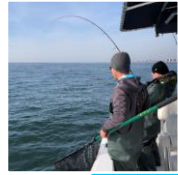
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Background

- The successful implementation of the common fishery policy depends on effective, efficient, modern and transparent system of control and enforcement.
- Council Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009 (former Control Regulation) was adopted prior to Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 (Common Fishery Policy - CFP) and therefore should be amended in order to better address the requirements for the control and enforcement of the CFP to take advantage of modern and more cost-effective control technologies and to take into account the latest scientific findings to ensure that fishing is environmentally sustainable in the long term.

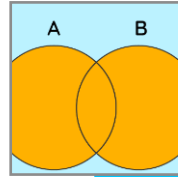


MRF in the Control Regulations (Old vs New)



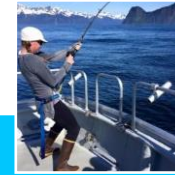
Old Control Regulation

- For stocks under a recovery plan MS should collect catch data (shore fishing excluded).
- STECF shall evaluate the biological impact of MRF. Where MRF have a significant impact on the resources, the Council should have the possibility to decide on specific management measures.



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- The marketing of MRF catches shall be prohibited.
- MS should ensure that MRF are conducted in a manner compatible with the objectives of the common fisheries policy.



New Control Regulation

- From 10/01/2026 - Coastal MS shall: a) ensure that natural persons engaged in MRF are registered and b) have in place an electronic system for the recording and reporting of catches for species/stocks with quotas and/or catch and bag limits. Catch data must be reported on a daily basis. On request of a MS, by 10 May 2024, the Commission shall develop such a system.
- From 01/01/2030 - For species/stocks for which fishing opportunities are set by the Union, covered by MAP, subject to LO, having a high impact on F (scientific advice from STECF, ICES, etc.).

MRF serious infringements (Annex IV)

Conducting MRF in breach of the rules of the CFP or selling fishery products from the MRF

Selling products from MRF for a value ≥ 50 Euro or weight ≥ 10 kg

≥ 2 unauthorised ind. retained, or ≥ 1 ind. prohibited species

$\geq 25\%$ of ind. are below MCRS

Retaining quantities of species exceeding bag or catch limits or exceeding applicable quota by 50%



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