



## Maritime Affairs and Fisheries



### Fisheries Council reaches partial agreement on EMFF

The future Regulation on the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF) was once again the focus of ministerial discussions at the Council on 22 and 23 October 2012. At the meeting in Luxembourg Member States' fisheries ministers reached a partial agreement on how the fund should be used. There was lengthy debate on the Commission's proposal to put an end to fleet subsidies. In the end, Member States agreed to phase out scrapping aid, with a transition period lasting until 2017. They also agreed to retain temporary cessation aid and engine replacement aid, albeit under strict, limited conditions.

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### External Dimension: Parliament and Commission in agreement

On 22 November, the European Parliament plenary session adopted Swedish MEP Isabella Lövin's report on the European Commission's Communication on the external dimension of the Common Fisheries Policy.

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### European Parliament - A resolution on small-scale fisheries

The European Parliament brought small-scale and coastal fishing to the fore in recent discussions on the reform of the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP).

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### Shark finning

The European Parliament has overwhelmingly voted to strengthen a previous Council Regulation which has banned shark finning since 2003.

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### Events

[Registration open for high-level Adriatic and Ionian Seas maritime conference](#)

22/11/2012

[Commissioner Damanaki at aquaculture conference in Spain](#)

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[Getting ready for the European Maritime Day Conference 2013](#)

20/11/2012

### Funding Opportunities

[Call for tenders MARE/2012/15; Secretariat for European Marine Observation and Data Network \(EMODnet\)](#)

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### Publications and studies

[Magazine: Fisheries and aquaculture in Europe no. 58](#)

[2010-2012: Two and a half Years of Change in Fisheries and Maritime Affairs](#)

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### Public consultations

[Consultation on Marine Knowledge 2020: from seabed mapping to ocean forecasting](#)

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