

COMMISSION DECISION**of 29 March 2007****declaring operational the Regional Advisory Council for the High Seas/Long Distance Fleet under the Common Fisheries Policy**

(2007/206/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Germany, Estonia, Spain, France, Ireland, Italy, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal and United Kingdom.

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

- (4) As required by Article 3(2) of Decision 2004/585/EC, the Member States concerned determined whether the application concerning the Regional Advisory Council for the High Seas/Long Distance Fleet was in conformity with the provisions laid down in that Decision. On 7 November 2006, the Member States concerned transmitted a recommendation on that Regional Advisory Council to the Commission.

Having regard to Council Decision 2004/585/EC of 19 July 2004 establishing Regional Advisory Councils under the Common Fisheries Policy ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 3(3) thereof,

Having regard to the recommendation transmitted by Spain on 7 November 2006 on behalf of Denmark, Germany, Estonia, Spain, France, Ireland, Italy, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal and United Kingdom,

- (5) The Commission has evaluated the application by the interested parties and the recommendation in the light of Decision 2004/585/EC and the aims and principles of the Common Fisheries Policy, and considers that the Regional Advisory Council for the High Seas/Long Distance Fleet is ready to become operational,

Whereas:

- (1) Council Regulation (EC) No 2371/2002 of 20 December 2002 on the conservation and sustainable exploitation of fisheries resources under the Common Fisheries Policy ⁽²⁾ and Decision 2004/585/EC provide the framework for the establishment and operation of Regional Advisory Councils.
- (2) Article 2 of Decision 2004/585/EC establishes a Regional Advisory Council to cover the High Seas/Long Distance Fleet in all non-EC waters.
- (3) In accordance with Article 3(1) of Decision 2004/585/EC, representatives of the fisheries sector and other interests groups submitted a request concerning the operation of that Regional Advisory Council to Denmark,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

The Regional Advisory Council for the High Seas/Long Distance Fleet, established by Article 2(1)(g) of Decision 2004/585/EC, shall be operational as from 30 March 2007.

Done at Brussels, 29 March 2007.

For the Commission
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⁽¹⁾ OJ L 256, 3.8.2004, p. 17.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 358, 31.12.2002, p. 59.