



**DECISION NO 2019/002**  
**OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**  
**OF THE EUROPEAN FISHERIES CONTROL AGENCY**  
**of 25 FEB. 2019**  
**on the Environmental Policy of EFCA**

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THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE EUROPEAN FISHERIES CONTROL AGENCY,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 768/2005 of 26 April 2005<sup>1</sup> establishing a European Fisheries Control Agency (hereinafter referred to as 'EFCA'), and in particular Article 29 thereof,

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 1221/2009 of 25 November 2009 on the voluntary participation by organisations in a Community eco-management and audit scheme (EMAS), repealing Regulation (EC) No 761/2001 and Commission Decisions 2001/168/EC and 2006/193/EC<sup>2</sup>, and in particular Article 4(1)(d) thereof,

**Whereas:**

- (1) In its ambition to obtain the EMAS (Eco-Management and Audit Scheme) certification, EFCA should establish an environmental policy that outlines its intentions on decreasing the environmental impact of the Agency.
- (2) EFCA's environmental policy should be a tool to communicate EFCA's commitment to improve its environmental performance to staff members and external service providers as well as stakeholders and the public,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

The EFCA environmental policy (hereinafter referred to as 'the policy') in Annex of this decision is hereby adopted.

*Article 2*

- (1) This decision shall enter into force on the day of its adoption.
- (2) This decision shall be published on the EFCA intranet.
- (3) The policy shall be subject to an annual review and update.
- (4) The policy shall be printed and visible in EFCA's premises and shall be published on the EFCA website.

Done at Vigo on **25 FEB. 2019**



Pascal Savouret  
Executive Director

<sup>1</sup> OJ L 128, 21.5.2005, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EU) 2016/1626 (OJ L 251, 16.9.2016, p. 80)

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 342, 22.12.2009, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EU) 2018/2026 (OJ L 325, 20.12.2018, p. 18).

## ANNEX

### Environmental policy of the European Fisheries Control Agency

The European Fisheries Control Agency (EFCA) is a European Union agency. EFCA's mission is to promote the highest common standards for control, inspection and surveillance under the CFP (Common Fisheries Policy).

European Union governments agreed to establish the agency in the 2002 reform as part of the drive to instil a culture of compliance within the fisheries sector across Europe. In April 2005, they adopted the necessary legislation with Council Regulation (EC) No 768/2005. Since the change to its founding regulation in 2016, EFCA also supports national authorities carrying out coast guard functions.

Having regard to the European Union objective to promote sustainable development, EFCA has committed to implement and continuously improve an environmental management system (EMS) complying with the requirements established by the EMAS regulations. In this regard, EFCA will fulfil its compliance obligations relating to the environment and enhance its environmental performance.

More specifically, the Agency undertakes the following commitments:

- Control and minimise the consumption of natural resources;
- Purchase products and services that diminish damage to the environment, promoting green public procurement;
- Prevention of pollution;
- Reduce waste, reuse or recycle as much as is possible;
- Encourage reasonable and responsible use of paper;
- Encourage the use of telecommunications tools to participate in meetings as an alternative to travel;
- Promote environmental awareness among staff, encouraging environmentally responsible behaviour.

This policy is the framework for setting environmental objectives. EFCA will review this policy on an annual basis to maintain and improve compliance with environmental standards.