

# EU Recreational Fisheries: new rules; new tools

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# New EU rules on recreational fisheries (Article 55, CR)

# Why new rules on control of recreational fisheries?

## Better recreational fisheries data !

How can we ensure the conservation, management & sustainable exploitation of our marine biological resources in the long-term without having a sound understanding of...

- What ?
- How much ?
- When ?
- Where ?
- How ?

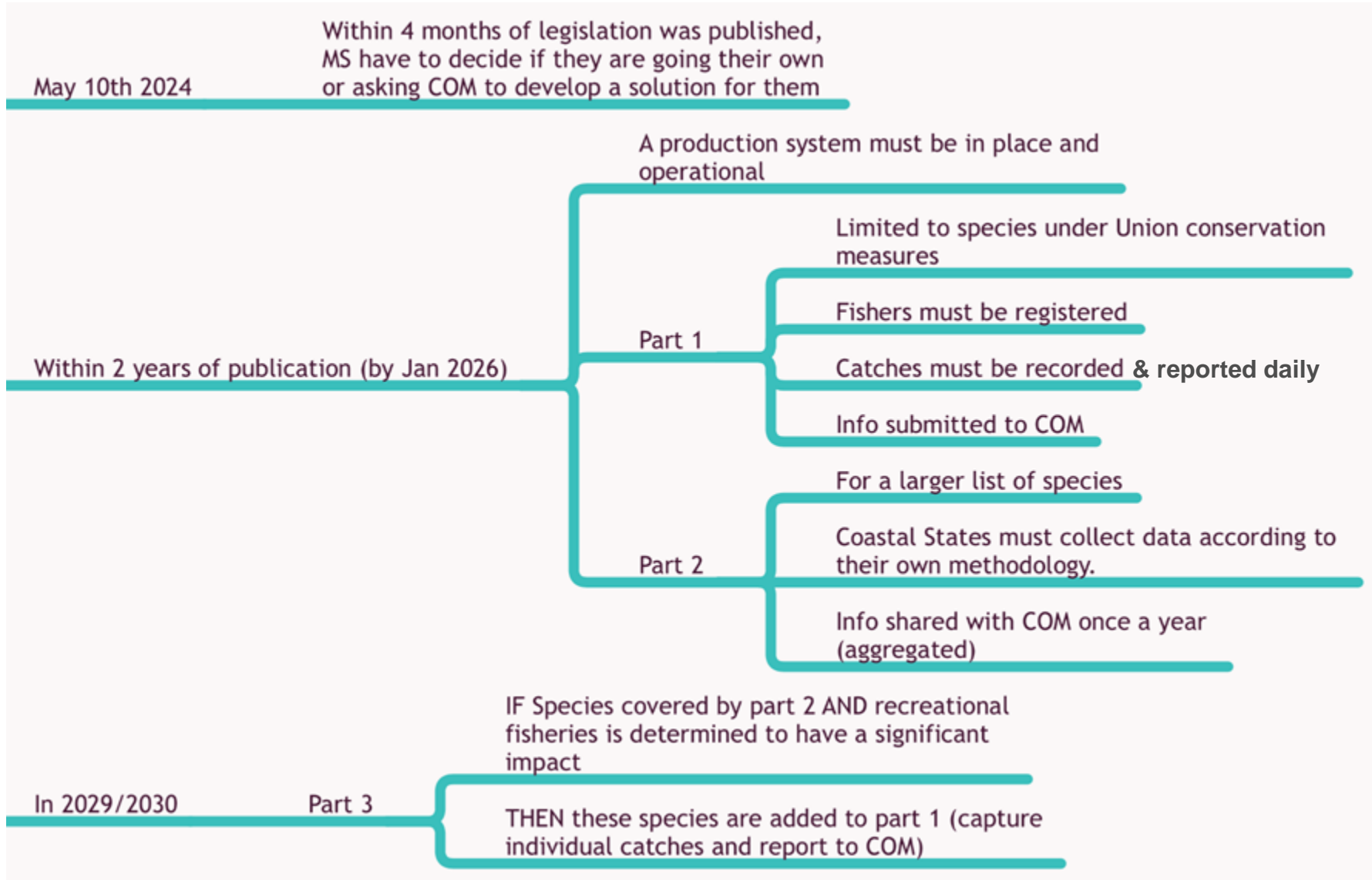
... is being caught by RF?

## EU conservation measures for RF

Implement the EU conservation measures from fishing opportunities and MAPs setting quotas, bag catch limits, bans, ...

e.g. Seabass, Cod, Pollack, Swordfish and Albacore, Common dolphinfish, Salmon, BFT

# New provisions (Article 55, CR)



## Article 55(3a)

## Article 55(2)

- covered by fishing opportunities
  - covered by a multiannual plan
  - subject to the landing obligation
- (except those covered by Art 55(3))

## Article 55(3b)

## Some notes: registration of fishers, vessels & gears

- The CR requires registration for fishers catching species subject to Union conservation measures
- The CR does not require registration (neither authorisation or licencing) of recreational vessels



[however... there are specific regulations (e.g. ICCAT) that apply to recreational vessels when they are targeting certain species – e.g. BFT in the Eastern Atlantic & Med or swordfish in the Med]

# Implementing rules

Article 55(6): COM may, by way of implementing acts, adopt detailed rules on:

- The submission of catch data by coastal MS (under paragraphs 55.2 & 55.3)
- Set the frequency of recording and reporting of catches
- The marking of gear used for RF (except hand-held gear)

(useful if before 2026)

# Electronic system for RF catch reporting

## Article 55(1)

MS shall have in place **electronic recording and reporting** of catches from recreational fisheries

- MS may develop the system at national level

or

- MS can request COM to develop it at Union level



9 MS  
(by 10/5/2024)

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# EU electronic catch reporting system



# Starting point: RecFishing PoC

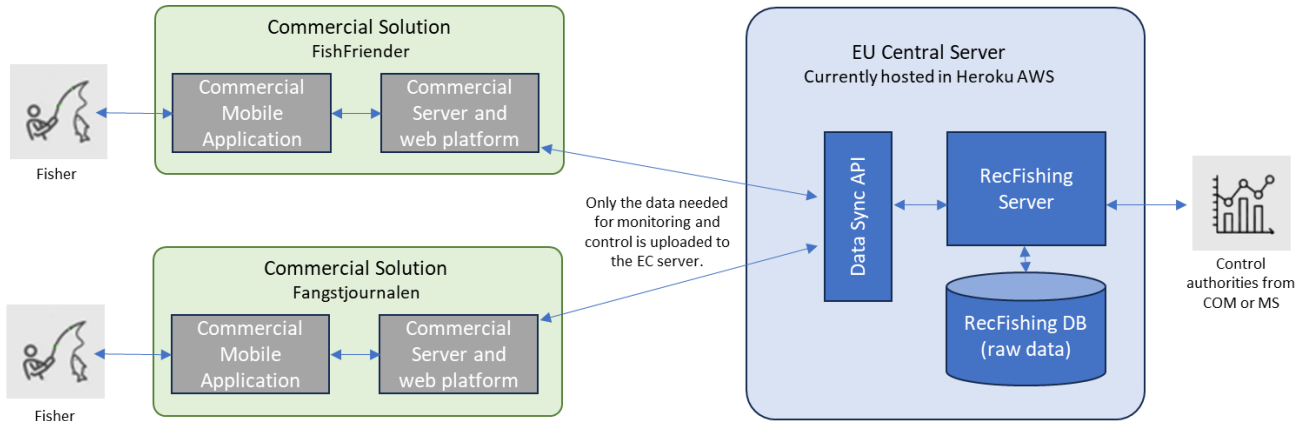


## The PoC history

- Phase 1 – 2019 till 2020
  - Study of existing solutions
  - Development of PoC
  - Field testing of the solution
- Phase 2 – 2022 till 2023
  - Repatriation
  - Support for multiple apps
  - Support for additional species

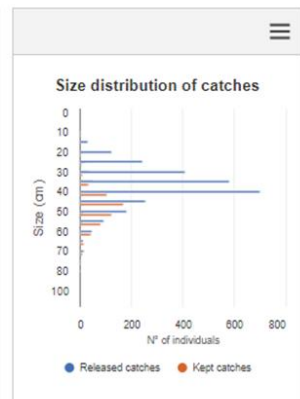
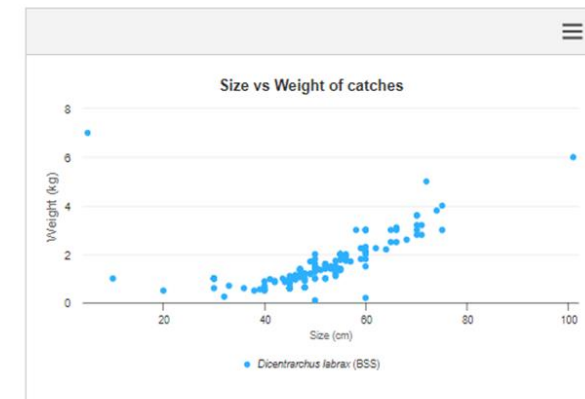
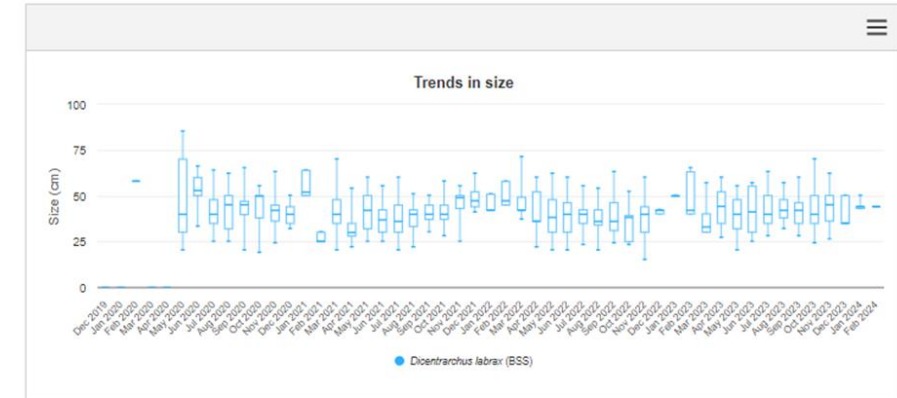
The report from the second phase is available from the Publication Office of the EU

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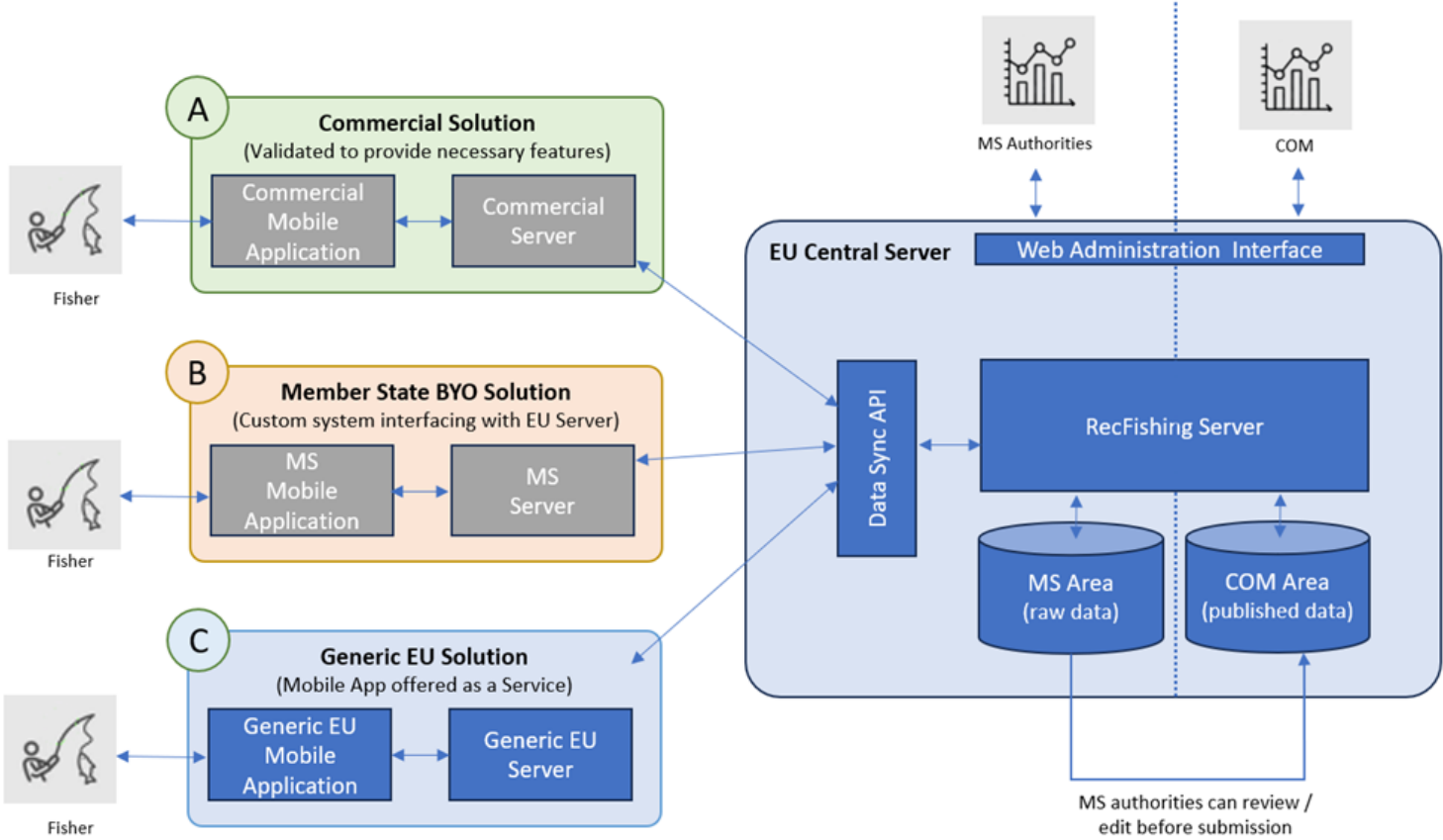


## Catch sizes and weights

**Dicentrarchus labrax (BSS)** | *Salmo salar* (SAL) | *Gadus morhua* (COD) | *Anguilla anguilla* (ELE) | *Esox lucius* (FPI) | *Belone belone*



# New EU electronic catch reporting system (COM proposal)



# Next steps – EU electronic system: RecFishing

## Aims:

- Extend, scale up and relocate RecFishing to the COM IT environment
- Develop a Fisher's mobile app
- Establish protocols to connect with MS apps for data submission
- Operations, maintenance & MS support
- ...

Work closely with MS (TW RF), setting up the **TW RF** (1st on 10/6, 2<sup>nd</sup> on 9/9):

- Subgroup – end to end solution
- Subgroup – BYO solution

## Open call for tenders

- Open until 16 September 2024
- 3-years contract service

## Stakeholders' consultation

- Recreational fishers, scientists, AC, NGOs, etc.

- ✓ Data fields
- ✓ Level of aggregation for data submission
- ✓ List of species, stocks or group of stocks that should be covered
- ✓ Data quality check & data validation features (IT tool)
- ✓ Marking of fishing gears

# Thank you



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