

Agreed record of interim measures for access and technical conditions in the capelin fishery in the 2016/2017 season between Iceland and Norway

With reference to the coastal State agreement between Iceland, Greenland and Norway of 8 July 2003, and the agreed record between Iceland, Greenland and Norway of 8 May 2015, Norway and Iceland has agreed on the following arrangement:

1. Iceland permits Norwegian vessels to fish 100% of Norway's share generated by the coastal State agreement (Article 3) in the Icelandic EEZ north of N 64° 30', regardless of the origin of the quota. Quotas transferred shall be fished within the same fishing season.
2. The fishing period for Norway in Icelandic Exclusive Economic Zone ends on 22 February. In case the final TAC is established unusually late, Icelandic authorities agreed to consider an extension of the fishing period.
3. The number of Norwegian vessels permitted to fish in the Icelandic EEZ at the same time is 25.
4. Norway permits Icelandic vessels to fish 100% of their share generated by the coastal State agreement (Article 3) in the fisheries zone around Jan Mayen, as well as any transfer of capelin from other Parties. The fishing period ends 15 February.
5. Applications for licenses should be sent to The Directorate of Fisheries in Norway or The Directorate of Fisheries in Iceland.
6. The fisheries are to be conducted according to regulations applying for foreign vessels fishing in the relevant EEZ, or according to rules agreed upon by the Parties.
7. The Parties shall be notified on a mutual basis on the relevant regulations applying for the capelin fishery in their EEZ. Information about existing regulations shall be forwarded. The Parties are obliged to coordinate their regulations in the best possible manner.
8. Norway confirmed that they will contribute towards scientific research during the agreement period.

Aalesund 23 June 2016

For the Norwegian party


Ann Kristin Westberg

For the Icelandic party


Jóhann Guðmundsson

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22 – 23 June 2016

A Norwegian delegation headed by Ann Kristin Westberg, a Greenlandic delegation headed by Emanuel Rosing and an Icelandic delegation headed by Jóhann Guðmundsson met in Aalesund 22 and 23 June 2016 to consult on the management of the capelin stock in the waters between Greenland, Iceland and Jan Mayen. The agenda and the list of participants are found in Annex 1.

Report from the working group on zonal attachment

The report of the working group was presented and discussed. The parties welcomed the report, but noted that the working group had not been able to fully answer the questions raised in the Terms of Reference, mainly due to lack of sufficient survey coverage. Nevertheless, it was agreed that the report constituted valuable input in the coming discussions on a possible new sharing arrangement.

Final catch statistics

The parties presented catch statistics for the capelin fisheries for 2015/2016 season as reflected in table 1.

Advice for the 2016/2017 season

ICES advice for capelin for 2016/2017 was presented. The parties noted that the current catch advice is zero. The advice will be revised based on the September survey.

Moreover, the parties noted that the scientific effort has been reduced over the years, at the same time as large changes have been observed in distribution and abundance of the stock. The parties agreed that the management of the stock would benefit from increased scientific effort.

Management measures and new sharing arrangements

The parties agreed to meet again to start the discussion on a new arrangement.

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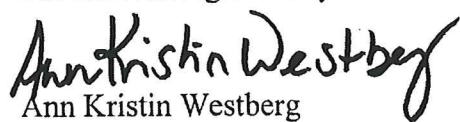
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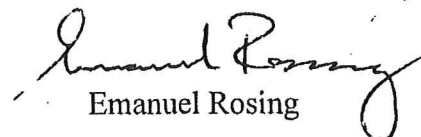
The next meeting of the parties will be in Nuuk in week 37 2016.

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For the Norwegian Party


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Ålesund

22 -24 June 2016

1. Opening and adoption of agenda
2. Introductory remarks
3. Report from the working group on zonal attachment
4. The capelin fisheries for the 2015/2016 season. Final catch statistics
5. Advice for the 2016/2017 season
6. Management measures and new allocation
7. Any other business

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List of participants:

Greenland:

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Katrín Vilhelm Poulsen, Ministry of Fisheries, Hunting and Agriculture
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Table 1

REPORTING OF QUOTAS AND CATCHES OF CAPELIN IN THE ICELAND - EAST GREENLAND - JAN MAYEN AREA

TAC 173 000 tonnes

2015/2016 Party	QUOTAS (TONNES)			CATCHES (TONNES)			Balance
	Coastal states shares	Quota exchange	Quotas after exchange	Iceland EEZ	Greenland EEZ	Total catch	
Coastal state:							
Iceland ¹	140 130	- 39 932	100 198	101 089	-	101 089	891
Greenland ²	19 030	- 13 321	5 709	4 446	1 748	6 194	485
Norway ³	13 840	44 486	58 326	58 239	-	58 239	87
Total coastal states	173 000	- 8 767	164 233	163 774	1 748	165 522	- 1 289
Others:							
Faroe Islands ⁴	-	8 767	8 767	8 767	-	8 767	-
Total	173 000	-	173 000	172 541	1 748	174 289	- 1 289

¹ Transfer to Norway (31 165 tonnes - "Loophole Agreement") and Faroe Islands (8 767 tonnes - "Bilateral Agreement between Iceland and Faroe Island")

² Transfer to EU (13 321 tonnes - "EU - Greenland Fisheries Partnership Agreement")

³ Transfer from Island (31 165 tonnes - "Loophole Agreement") and from EU (13 321 tonnes - "Bilateral Agreement between Norway and EU")

⁴ Transfer from Iceland (8 767 tonnes "Bilateral Agreement between Iceland and Faroe Island")

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