

Adopted agenda

Coastal State consultations on capelin

Reykjavík, 7-8 May

1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda
2. Management measures and the need for a management plan
3. Fishing season 2015/16
4. Establishment of a working Group on the distribution of capelin
5. Final catch statistics for the 2014/2015 season
6. Agreed records
7. Any other business

Program

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1000 Meeting starts

1130 Coffee break

1230 Launch, in the canteen of Skúlagata 4

1330 Meetings starts

1500 Coffee break

1700 Meeting ends

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Agreed Record of Conclusions of coastal State consultations on the management of the capelin stock in the Iceland – East Greenland – Jan Mayen area

Reykjavík

7 – 8 May 2015

A Greenlandic delegation headed by Emanuel Rosing, a Norwegian delegation headed by Ann Kristin Westberg and an Icelandic delegation headed by Jóhann Guðmundsson met in Reykjavík 7 and 8 May 2015 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.

Final catch statistics for the 2014/2015 season

Noting that preliminary catch statistics for the 2014/2015 had previously been circulated, the parties agreed to circulate final catch statistics for that season within a week.

Management measures

The new advisory rule adopted by ICES at the January benchmark meeting was presented at previous coastal State meetings. As agreed at the most recent coastal State meeting, ICES was notified that the coastal States took note of the new advisory rule but requested that ICES continue to give catch options consistent with the present management agreement.

The parties agreed that the proposed advisory rule would form the basis of a new Harvest Control Rule and that the TAC for 2015/2016 should be determined on that basis. However, the parties agreed that interim measures should be applied for 2015. Under these measures the summer fishery would be instructed by a total catch level of 300,000 tonnes, resulting in shares of 33,000 tonnes for Greenland, 24,000 tonnes for Norway and 143,000 tonnes for Iceland. Iceland stated its intention not to conduct summer fishing nor allow summer fishing in the Icelandic Economic zone.

Consistent with ICES recommendations on taking precautionary measures to protect juvenile capelin, the parties agreed to prohibit the use of pelagic trawl in the summer fishery.

Furthermore, the parties agreed to put in place closures in their respective zones when the proportion of juvenile capelin (defined as shorter than 14 centimetres) in the catch exceeds 20%. An area closure shall be enforced for up to 2 weeks. This does not apply for Jan Mayen fishery zone.

Establishment of a working group

The parties agreed to establish a working group to estimate the distribution of capelin in the different zones. The basis will primarily be direct observation data, i.e. survey and fishery data as well as other data indicative of stock distribution. The Terms of Reference for this Working Group are found in annex 2. The parties agreed that the Working Group should conclude its work by the end of 2015.

Next meeting

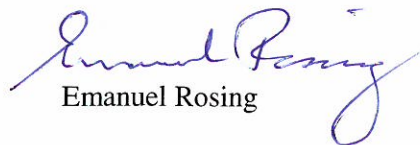
Norway will host the next meeting following the conclusion of the work by the working group.

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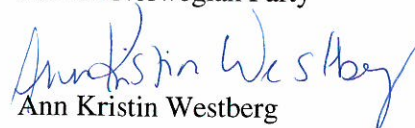
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For the Greenlandic Party


Emanuel Rosing

For the Norwegian Party


Ann Kristin Westberg

For the Icelandic Party


Jóhann Guðmundsson

Agreed record of interim measures for access and technical conditions in the capelin fishery in the 2015/2016 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', as well as any transfer of capelin from other Parties. Quotas transferred shall be fished within the same fishing season.
2. The fishing period for Norway in IEEZ 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 licences should be sent to The Directorate of Fisheries in Norway or The Directorate of Fisheries in Iceland.
6. The fishery 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.


Reykjavik 8 May 2015

For the Icelandic party



Jóhann Guðmundsson

For the Norwegian party



Ann Kristin Westberg

Terms of Reference

The working group aims to meet in summer/autumn of 2015 to:

1. Provide a brief description of biology, migration and stock dynamics of capelin in the Iceland–East Greenland–Jan Mayen area, hereunder information on historic and recent changes in migratory patterns and distribution of the life stages.
2. Based on surveys, fishery and other relevant information, estimate the proportion of the stock within each of the areas: Greenland EEZ, Iceland EEZ, Norwegian EEZ (Jan Mayen) and international waters for the life stages egg/larvae, immatures (ages 0-2) and adults (ages 2-4) by season, preferably by month.
 - a) The data basis for the analysis should cover the recent 10 years period and preferably be direct observations of capelin from surveys and the fishery but could also include other indicators for population distribution such as sea temperatures, food availability etc.
 - b) Reference should be made to historic attempts on the same objective. Results from the 1986 zonal attachment report should be synthesized and compared to the recent decade.

The working group shall report to the coastal States before the end of 2015.

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List of participants

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