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Harvesting of snow crab on the Norwegian continental shelf

Reference is made to your letter of 17 May 2018 regarding harvesting of snow crab on the Norwegian continental shelf.

According to the regulations of 19 December 2014 relating to a prohibition against harvesting snow crabs, it is prohibited to harvest snow crab on the Norwegian continental shelf unless an exemption has been granted. These regulations also apply to foreign vessels.

Notwithstanding the prohibition, a limited number of Norwegian vessels have been granted permission to harvest snow crab in accordance with section 2 of the regulations. No such exemption has been granted to foreign vessels.

If vessels from EU member states shall be allowed to harvest snow crab on the Norwegian continental shelf, this must be based on a bilateral agreement between Norway and the EU. Since no such agreement is in place, vessels flying the flag of an EU member state cannot be granted permission to harvest snow crab on the Norwegian continental shelf.

Yours sincerely,

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