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Subject: Snow crab questions in NEAFC

Hi,

We are now at the annual meeting of NEAFC, and in bilateral consultations with the EU, they have announced that they will address snow crab and what they call the "new" situation that has arisen. By this, they mean the fact that the shelf states (mainly Russia) have now begun to enforce their shelf jurisdiction. More specifically, they will raise the following questions: "how NEAFC could contribute to mechanisms for cooperation for these new situations where a party asserts its legitimate rights in the Regulatory Area" (i.e. in Smutthullet). For the sake of clarity, it should be mentioned that EU Commission here agrees with the Norwegian/ Russian interpretation that this is not a topic for NEAFC, but feels pressured by the member states to address it. We ask for feedback on how we will respond to this latest by tomorrow afternoon when the question comes up in the plenary on Friday.

Best regards
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Subject: Spørsmål om snøkrabbe i NEAFC

Hei,

Vi sitter nå i årsmøte i NEAFC, og i bilaterale konsultasjoner med EU har de varslet at de vil ta opp snøkrabbe og det de kaller den "nye" situasjonen som har oppstått. Med dette mener de det faktum at sokkelstatene (i hovedsak Russland) nå har begynt å håndheve sin sokkeljurisdiksjon. Nærmere bestemt vil de reise følgende spørsmål: "how NEAFC could contribute to mechanisms for cooperation for these new situations where a party asserts its legitimate rights in the Regulatory Area" (altså i Smutthullet). For ordens skyld bør det nevnes at EU-Kom her er enig norsk/russisk tolkning om at dette ikke er et tema for NEAFC, men føler seg presset av medlemslandene til å ta det opp. Vi ber om tilbakemelding på hvordan vi skal respondere på dette senest i morgen ettermiddag, da spørsmålet kommer opp i plenum fredag.

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