

INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR SETTLEMENT OF INVESTMENT DISPUTES

**PETERIS PILDEGOVICS
SIA NORTH STAR**

Claimants

v

KINGDOM OF NORWAY

Respondent

(ICSID Case No. ARB/20/11)

WITNESS STATEMENT OF KARL OLAV KJILE PETTERSEN

27 June 2022

Introduction

1. My name is Karl Olav Kjile Pettersen.
2. I have been asked by the Kingdom of Norway to give this short statement about my experience as a fisherman and snow crabber, and in particular to explain my experience regarding the conditions and speeds needed for a vessel to be able to harvest snow crab.
3. In preparing this short statement I have been assisted by Norway's legal team, but the statement is my own.

Background

4. I grew up fishing and went out for the first time in 1979. I started as a regular fisherman and have been skipper from about 1999. I have experience with shrimp trawl, trawl floats and purse seine until 2014, then with snow crab. We started with fishing trials in the autumn of 2014, then we purpose-built boats adapted for snow crab harvesting from 2015 to 2017.
5. I am a skipper on the vessel *Tromsbas*. The vessel is 68 meters long and has a crew of 35. Since January 2017, I have participated in snow crab harvesting when it has been open.

Conditions for Crabbing

6. Snow crabs are caught with pots that are put together in lines. The lines can contain from 100 to 400 pots. The length of the lines may range from 2,500 to 10,000 meters. The pots are usually out for 3 to 7 days before they are hauled in, and the catch is sorted and processed on board the vessel if it is a factory ship.
7. I have been asked specifically about the speed that a vessel can be travelling at to conduct this process. *Tromsbas* is among the most efficient snow crab vessels, but this can vary enormously. The speed of setting pots can range from 2 to 10 knots. However, in my experience a vessel cannot be travelling above 4 knots when it pulls the pots. In good conditions *Tromsbas* normally does 3-3,5 knots. If there is ice or

difficult conditions, there will be occasional stoppages and the speed will have to be reduced.

Signed in Ålesund on 27 June 2022

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Karl Olav Kjile Pettersen". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'K' and 'P'.

Karl Olav Kjile Pettersen