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FYI - from my notes from the Joint Commission:

Snow crab.

RUS: 15 vessels (NOR-RUS-LIT-ESP) harvested snow crab in the Loop Hole in Sept 2014. A total of up to 3,000 tonnes can be harvested in 2014. The harvesting has almost exclusively taken place in the Loop Hole.

Røksund: the snow crab has established itself in Norwegian waters and is expected to spread further westwards and northwards. There is increased interest both in Norway and internationally to participate in the harvesting of snow crab. We are working nationally to put in place a management regime and regulations. When it comes to research, we consider it important to have close cooperation with Russia and would like Norway and Russia to contact NEAFC jointly to request them to look at the fishing gear that should be used for this harvesting in the Loop Hole.

Sokolov: Russia has prepared a draft regulatory decision. This has not been finally adopted but is expected to be adopted shortly. NEAFC does not have the legal competence to regulate shelf objects. Following consideration of Russia's shelf submission to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf, this issue will no longer be on the agenda. (The crab is considered a sedentary species belonging to Russian shelf jurisdiction). We currently see illegal harvesting of this crab with encroachment into the Russian zones. I do not agree that the crabs are moving northwards and westwards. If you look at the map of the distribution of the snow crab, you can see that they are moving eastwards not westwards.

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