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NOTE VERBALE

The Mission of Norway to the European Union presents its compliments to the Directorate General for Fisheries and Maritime Affairs of the European Commission and has the honour to inform of the Norwegian amendments to the Regulation of 19 December 2014 on prohibition against harvesting of Snow crab.

The regulations entered into force on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of December 2015.

This notification is forwarded by e-mail. The original Note Verbale will be forwarded by mail today. A letter describing the content of the regulations in English is also enclosed.

The Mission of Norway to the European Union avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Directorate General for Fisheries and Maritime Affairs of the European Commission the assurances of its highest consideration.

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## **Regulation on amending regulation on prohibition against harvesting of snow crab**

Please be informed that Norway has adopted a regulation to amend Regulation of 19 December 2014 on prohibition against harvesting of snow crab.

Snow crab is a sedentary species under the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS). The coastal state exercises sovereign rights over the continental shelf for the purpose of exploring it and exploiting its natural resources, including snow crab. Pursuant to Article 77 (2) of UNCLOS, the right to harvest sedentary species on the continental shelf is the exclusive right of the coastal state. No one may harvest these species without the express consent of the coastal State.

The amendments to Regulation of 19 December 2014 on prohibition of snow crab harvesting is done to reflect the above.

The regulation entered into force on **22 December 2015**.