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Crab fishing fleet

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Coast Guard of Kingdom on Norway
(Kystvakten)

Copy: Fishery Ministry
Arne Ferstad

Dear Sirs,

In light of the latest developments regarding snow crab fishery in international waters of Barents Sea including part of Norwegian Continental Shelf, namely the decision of East Finnmark Court in the case of the Lithuanian vessel "JUROS VILKAS" (please find the court decision attached), which ruled that Norway's domestic regulation shall not be in contradiction with international treaties to which Norway is the participant, including NEAFC Convention, and a number of media reports:


- <https://fiskeribladetfiskaren.no/nyheter/?artikkel=51278> and
- https://www.kystogfjord.no/nyheter/forsiden/Frikjent-i-snoekrabbesak?fb_action_ids=10155061246997033&fb_action_types=og.comments

where among the other comments there are the quotations of officials of Norwegian Coast Guard on the issue of snow crab fishing in NEAFC on Norwegian Continental Shelf – we have a question:

- Is Norway's domestic prohibition to catch snow crab still in force for the part of NEAFC regulatory area west of the boundary line set by Norway-Russia Treaty 2010 for the vessels having licenses issued in accordance with NEAFC Scheme of Control and Enforcement?

Since this is a matter of extraordinary urgency and may have legal consequences – please provide the prompt and responsible answer as quick as possible.

Best regards,


Peteris Pildegovics
Chair of the Board
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