

The Russian Federation
The Federal Agency for Fishery

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To the Deputy Secretary General at the Norwegian Ministry of Trade, Industry and Fisheries,
Mr. Arne Røksund

Honorable Mr. Røksund,

The Federal Agency for Fishery has assessed your letter of 3 August 2015 no. 15/2046-21 regarding the harvesting of sedentary species and informs the following.

Based on Russian-Norwegian agreement regarding the issue during the 20th North-Atlantic Fisheries Ministers' Conference (16-17 July 2015, Valletta, Republic of Malta), we support the position that it is appropriate for the Russian and Norwegian parties to continue to act in a coordinated manner regarding the harvesting of sedentary species, including snow crab.

We also consider it appropriate to continue discussing the matter at this year's 45th session of the Joint Norwegian-Russian Fisheries Commission.

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Deputy Head