

## Regulations related to amendments to the regulations related to a prohibition against harvesting snow crab

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### I

The following amendments are made to the Regulations of 19 December 2014 no. 1836 related to a prohibition against harvesting snow crab:

Added legal basis:

The Act of 26 March 1999 no. 15 on the right to participate in fishing and hunting (the Participation Act), section 20.

Section 1 (amended) shall read as follows:

It is prohibited for Norwegian and foreign vessels to catch snow crabs in Norway's territorial sea and internal waters and on the Norwegian continental shelf. For Norwegian vessels, the prohibition also applies to the continental shelf of other countries.

Section 2, first paragraph (amended) shall read as follows:

An exemption from the prohibition against harvesting snow crab can be granted to vessels that have been issued with commercial licences under the Act relating to the right to participate in fishing and hunting outside the territorial waters. If the scope of a commercial licence is restricted to harvesting a particular species, an exemption may only be granted if the commercial licence applies to snow crabs. For harvesting on the continental shelf of other countries, such exemption only applies when there is explicit consent from this country. Exemptions are granted on the following conditions:

- Vessels that are engaged in harvesting snow crabs may be required to report information in addition to that recorded in the catch logbook if the Institute of Marine Research needs data. An example may be sampling the catch.
- Observers from the Institute of Marine Research and the Directorate of Fisheries shall be entitled to participate free of charge in operations on board vessels engaged in harvesting snow crabs.

Section 2, second paragraph (amended) shall read:

Applications for exemption must be submitted to the Directorate of Fisheries. The Directorate of Fisheries may impose restrictions on the number of vessels that are granted an exemption to harvest on the Russian continental shelf in the area outside 200 nautical miles from the Russian coast in the Barents Sea.

Section 3 (new) shall read as follows:

Section 3. *Harvesting by Russian vessels*

Notwithstanding the prohibition in section 1, Russian vessels can harvest snow crab on the Norwegian continental shelf in the area outside 200 nautical miles from the Norwegian coast in the Barents Sea.

After this, the previous sections 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be sections 4, 5, 6 and 7.

II

The regulations enters into force immediately.