

Regulations related to a prohibition against harvesting snow crab

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Legal basis: Adopted by the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Fisheries on 19 December 2014 on the basis of section 16 of Act no. 37 of 6 June 2008 on the management of wild living marine resources (the Marine Resources Act) and section 4 of Act no. 11 relating to Svalbard.

Section 1. *General prohibition*

It is prohibited for Norwegian and foreign vessels to harvest snow crab in Norway's territorial waters, including the territorial waters around Svalbard, the Economic Zone and the Fisheries Protection Zone around Svalbard. For Norwegian vessels, the prohibition also applies in international waters.

Section 2. *Exemptions*

Exemptions from the prohibition may be granted on conditions laid down by the Directorate of Fisheries. The conditions shall apply to matters such as reporting catches and positions, area and period restrictions and the like.

Applications for exemption must be submitted to the Directorate of Fisheries.

Vessels that harvested snow crab in 2014 can continue harvesting after 1 January 2015 but must apply for an exemption by 15 February 2015.

Section 3. *Infringement fee*

Any business or person that wilfully or negligently contravenes the provisions set out in or issued under the regulations may be required to pay an infringement fee under Section 59 of Act no. 37 of 6 June 2008 related to the management of wild living marine resources and Regulations no. 1437 of 20 December 2011 related to the use of coercive fines and infringement fines under the Marine Resources Act.

Section 4. *Penal measures*

Any person who wilfully or negligently contravenes provisions set out in or issued under these regulations is liable to a penalty under Sections 61, 64 and 65 of Act no. 37 of 6 June 2008 relating to the management of wild living resources (the Marine Resources Act). Complicity or an attempt to contravene the said provisions is liable to the same penalties.

Section 5. *Entry into force*

The regulationa enter into force on 1 January 2015.