

**FRAMEWORK ARRANGEMENT
BETWEEN GREENLAND/DENMARK, ICELAND AND NORWAY ON
THE CONSERVATION AND
MANAGEMENT OF CAPELIN**

1. Delegations from Iceland, Greenland and Norway (hereafter “the Parties”) met in London on 18 to 21 June to consult on a Framework Arrangement on the conservation and management of capelin (Iceland Grounds, east Greenland and Jan Mayen area). The delegations were headed by Emanuel Rosing for Greenland, Jóhann Guðmundsson for Iceland and Ann Kristin Westberg for Norway. The Heads of Delegations agreed to recommend to their respective authorities the following arrangements:

Consultations on management

2. The Parties shall meet at least once a year for coastal State consultations. The Parties shall adopt an Agreed Record for the conservation and management of the capelin stock for each fishing season. All annexes to this agreement can be revised annually by agreed record, provided that the involved Parties agree.

Fishing season

3. The fishing season starts 20 June and ends 15 April the following year. From 2021 the fishing season starts 15 October and ends 15 April the following year.

Establishment of Total Allowable Catch (TAC)

4. The TAC for the fishing season shall be established in accordance with the Long Term Management Plan set out in Annex 1.
5. The TAC shall be determined in three stages; an initial TAC, an intermediate TAC and a final TAC;
 - a. The initial TAC shall follow the advice by ICES that is issued no later than 1st of December for the fishing season starting in accordance with Article 3 for the year after. The initial TAC shall be based on the estimated abundance of immature capelin (excluding 0-year olds) from the autumn survey.
 - b. The intermediate TAC shall replace the initial TAC and be based on the estimate of maturing capelin from the autumn survey in the fishing season. This advice shall be released without undue delay after the survey.
 - c. The final TAC shall be set the following winter after the survey of pre-spawning capelin, typically in January/February. The final TAC may be updated based on subsequent winter survey(s). This advice shall be released without undue delay after the survey.

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6. As a rule the Long Term Management Plan shall be revised every fifth year. The Long Term Management Plan may however be revised at the yearly coastal State consultations. If Parties agree on changing the Long Term Management Plan, the changes shall not apply until ICES has confirmed that such changes are precautionary.

Sharing arrangement

7. The TACs set pursuant to Articles 4-6 shall be shared as follows:
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| Iceland: | 80 percent. |
| Greenland: | 15 percent. |
| Norway: | 5 percent. |

Access arrangements and technical measures etc.

8. The Parties may fish their allocated quota in their respective zones of fisheries jurisdiction, as well as in accordance with the access arrangements and the technical measures described in Annexes 2, 3 and 4.
9. Parties shall allow landings of catches of capelin in their respective ports.

Compensation

10. Unutilized quota cannot be transferred to the following fishing season due to the life cycle of the species. If a Party exceeds its quota, the same amount of capelin should be subtracted from their quota for the following fishing season and allocated to other Parties of this agreement. In case there is no fishery in subsequent fishing season, the exceeded amount shall be subtracted from the next season when fishing is allowed.
11. If Greenland and Norway do not utilize their allocated quota for a given fishing season, Iceland can utilize the remaining quantity. In the event that final TAC is established 5 February or later, Iceland can fish the unutilized quota against full compensation to Norway and Greenland for the amount fished the following season. Iceland shall inform Greenland and Norway after the end of the season about the calculation and utilization of their unused quota.

Scientific cooperation

12. The Parties agreed that research related to improving abundance estimation as well as the knowledge on ecology and distribution of capelin is much needed and agree to cooperate and contribute on these matters.
13. Monitoring surveys shall be planned, conducted, analyzed and reviewed in cooperation with all contributing Parties, with Iceland as the coordinator for both the autumn and winter surveys. The outcome and advice shall without delay be communicated to all Parties.

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Chairing of consultations

14. The annual consultations shall be held no later than 15 June and chaired on a rotating basis by Greenland, Iceland and Norway.

Communication of catches

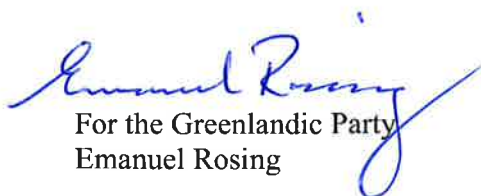
15. Each Party shall by 15 April provide information on their total catches in the current season.
16. Each Party shall, as soon as possible, inform the other Parties on any transfer arrangements involving capelin.
17. The Parties shall provide information regarding catches in the format set out in Annex 4 to this framework arrangement. Information pursuant to Articles 15 and 16 shall be transmitted to the Directorate of Fisheries in Iceland. The Directorate shall inform all parties as soon as the information have been collected using the form described in Annex 4.5


*Annex 4.5
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Duration and opting out procedures

18. This framework arrangement enters provisionally into force at the date of signature until final acceptance according to paragraph 19. The arrangement shall continue to apply until a Party opts out pursuant to paragraph 20-22.
19. This framework arrangement enters finally into force when the Parties have fulfilled their constitutional requirements necessary for the entry into force of the arrangement.
20. Any Party may opt out of this framework arrangement by giving a formal notification to the other Parties before 15 May, containing an explanation and justification of why the Party has chosen to opt out of the arrangement.
21. This framework arrangement shall remain in force until at least the end of the next fishing season after a formal notification is submitted.
22. After receiving a formal notification, the chair shall initiate and organize consultations among the Parties with the aim of reaching a conclusion on a new framework arrangement before the time when this framework arrangement is no longer in force.

London, 21 June 2018


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Annex 1



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Subject: The conclusions of the coastal State consultations on the management of the capelin stock.

Reference is made to the coastal State consultations on the management of the capelin stock in the exclusive economic zone of Iceland, Greenland and Jan Mayen held in Reykjavík during 7-8 May, 2015

The Parties participating in the coastal State consultations agreed that the new advisory rule adopted by ICES at the January 2015 benchmark meeting would form the basis of a new Harvest Control Rule and that the TAC for the 2015/2016 fishing season should be determined on the new management structure. Although the parties agreed to a specific regime as an interim measure for summer fisheries in the exclusive economic zone of Greenland and Jan Mayen in 2015 no summer fisheries were conducted during 2015.

Attached is the Agreed Records of the above mentioned conclusions of the coastal State consultations which outlines in more detail the conclusions reached at the Coastal State meeting.

On behalf of the Minister of Fisheries and Agriculture


Jóhann Guðmundsson


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Encl.: The Agreed Records of the conclusions of the coastal State consultations held in Reykjavík during 7.-8. May, 2015
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ANNEX II

Measures for access and technical conditions in the capelin fishery between Iceland and Greenland

Greenlandic vessels are allowed to catch Capelin in the Icelandic Economic zone.

1. The amount of Capelin that is fishable after 15 February south of 64°30 shall be limited to 35,000 tonnes.
2. Production on board shall be permitted for three specified Greenlandic vessels for a quantity of 6,500 tonnes when operating in the Icelandic Economic zone.
3. Greenlandic vessels shall have the same conditions regarding gear as Icelandic vessels when operating in the Icelandic Economic zone.
4. The fishery is to be conducted according to regulations applying for foreign vessels fishing in the relevant EEZ, or according to rules agreed upon by the Parties. The Parties shall be notified on a mutual basis on the relevant regulations applying for the capelin fishery in their EEZ. Information about existing regulations shall be forwarded. The Parties are obliged to coordinate their regulations in the best possible manner.

London, 21. June 2018

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Annex III

Measures for access and technical conditions in the capelin fishery between Iceland and Norway

1. Iceland permits Norwegian vessels to fish 100% of Norway's quota, regardless of source of origin, in the Icelandic EEZ north of N 64° 30'. Quotas transferred shall be fished within the same fishing season.
2. The fishing period for Norway in IEEZ ends on 22 February. In case the final TAC is established unusually late, Icelandic authorities agreed to consider an extension of the fishing period.
3. The number of Norwegian vessels permitted to fish in the Icelandic EEZ at the same time is 30.
4. Norway permits Icelandic vessels to fish 100% of their quota in the fisheries zone around Jan Mayen, as well as any transfer of capelin from other Parties.
5. Applications for licenses should be sent to The Directorate of Fisheries in Norway or The Directorate of Fisheries in Iceland.
6. The fishery is to be conducted according to regulations applying for foreign vessels fishing in the relevant EEZ, or according to rules agreed upon by the Parties.
7. The Parties shall be notified on a mutual basis on the relevant regulations applying for the capelin fishery in their EEZ. Information about existing regulations shall be forwarded. The Parties are obliged to coordinate their regulations in the best possible manner.

21.-June 2018


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Annex IV

Access in the capelin fishery between Norway and Greenland/Denmark

1. The parties agreed that Greenland allows Norwegian vessels access to catch capelin in the Greenlandic Economic Zone in ICES areas XIV and V, N 64°30'.
2. Norway allows likewise Greenlandic vessels access to catch capelin in the Fisheries Zone around Jan Mayen.
3. As long as this Framework Arrangement is in force, Norway will allow the bottom fish quotas that Greenland receives from Norway and Russia to be fished in the Norwegian Economic Zone and/or in the Fisheries Protection Zone around Svalbard. The fishery shall be conducted in accordance with the current regulations.

20 June 2018

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Table 1 and 2

REPORTING OF QUOTAS AND CATCHES OF CAPELIN IN THE ICELAND - EAST GREENLAND - JAN MAYEN AREA

TAC		QUOTAS (TONNES)			CATCHES (TONNES)				
20.../20....	Party	Coastal states' shares	Quota exchange	Exceeded quota	Quotas after exchange	Iceland EEZ	Greenland EEZ	Total catch	Balance
	Coastal state:								
	Iceland ¹				-				-
	Greenland ²				-				-
	Norway ³				-				-
	Total coastal states	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Others:								
	Faroe Islands ⁴	-	-		-	-	-	-	-
	Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

¹ Transfer to Norway (..... tonnes - "Loophole Agreement") and Faroe Islands (..... tonnes- "Bilateral Agreement between Iceland and Faroe Islands")

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