

REGULATIONS RELATING TO A PROHIBITION AGAINST FISHING FOR NORWEGIAN SPRING-SPAWNING HERRING IN THE FISHERIES PROTECTION ZONE AROUND SVALBARD IN 2011

On 2 December 2010, under the Act of 17 December 1976 No. 91 relating to the Economic Zone of Norway and section 16 of the Act of 6 June 2008 No. 37 relating to the management of wild living marine resources (the Marine Resources Act), cf. section 3 of the Regulations of 3 June 1977 No. 6 relating to a Fisheries Protection Zone around Svalbard, the Ministry of Fisheries and Coastal Affairs adopted the following regulations:

Section 1 Scope

These regulations apply to fishing operations in the Fisheries Protection Zone around Svalbard using Norwegian and foreign vessels of any type engaged in commercial fishing operations or assisting the fishing fleet, including search vessels and experimental fishing vessels.

Section 2 General prohibition

It is prohibited to fish for Norwegian spring-spawning herring in the Fisheries Protection Zone around Svalbard.

Section 3 Penal measures and confiscation

Any person who wilfully or negligently contravenes any provisions set out in or issued under these regulations is liable to a penalty and confiscation under sections 8 and 9 of the Act of 17 December 1976 No. 91 relating to the Economic Zone of Norway and sections 61, 64 and 65 of the Act of 6 June 2008 No. 37 relating to the management of wild living marine resources. Complicity or an attempt is liable to the same penalties.

Section 4 Entry into force

These regulations enter into force on 1 January 2011 and apply up to and including 31 December 2011.