

REGULATIONS RELATING TO A PROHIBITION AGAINST FISHING FOR NORWEGIAN SPRING-SPAWNING HERRING IN THE TERRITORIAL WATERS OF SVALBARD IN 2011

On 2 December 2010, under section 4 of the Act of 17 July 1925 No. 11 relating to Svalbard, cf. section 1 of the Regulations of 28 April 1978 No. 20 relating to regulatory measures for fishing in the territorial and internal waters of Svalbard 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 5 of the Act of 27 June 2003 No. 57 relating to Norway's territorial waters and contiguous zone, the Ministry of Fisheries and Coastal Affairs adopted the following regulations:

Section 1 Scope

These regulations apply to fishing operations in the territorial waters of 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.

Section 3 Penal measures

Any person who wilfully or negligently contravenes any provisions set out in these regulations is liable to a penalty under section 4 of the Act of 17 July 1925 No. 11 relating to Svalbard 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.