

## **REGULATIONS RELATING TO FISHING FOR HADDOCK IN THE FISHERIES PROTECTION ZONE AROUND SVALBARD IN 2011**

*On 11 May 2011, under the Act of 17 December 1976 No. 91 relating to the Economic Zone of Norway and sections 11 and 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 the 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 haddock in the Fisheries Protection Zone around Svalbard unless provided otherwise.

### **Section 3 Quotas**

Notwithstanding the prohibition of section 2, Norwegian and Russian vessels may fish haddock in the Fisheries Protection Zone around Svalbard within the quotas allocated to vessels from the said countries, and the catches shall be deducted from these quotas.

Notwithstanding the prohibition of section 2, vessels from Greenland may fish haddock in the Fisheries Protection Zone around Svalbard within the total haddock quotas agreed for vessels from Greenland in the Economic Zone of Norway north of 62°N, and the catches shall be deducted from these quotas. In 2011, this quota is set at 630 tonnes.

### **Section 4 Bycatches**

Notwithstanding the prohibition of section 2, vessels from the EU member states and the Faeroe Islands may have an intermixture of up to 15% of haddock in catches of other species.

### **Section 5 Authorisation**

The Director General of Fisheries may close the fishery for haddock in the Fisheries Protection Zone around Svalbard under these regulations when it is calculated that the quotas set out in the regulations have been caught.

### **Section 6 Penal measures**

Any person who wilfully or negligently contravenes any provisions set out in or issued under these regulations is liable to a penalty under sections 8 and 9 of the Act of 17 December 1976 No. 91 relating to the Economic Zone of Norway and sections 60, 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 7 Entry into force**

These regulations enter into force on 11 May 2011 and apply up to and including 31 December 2011.