

Coastal seal hunting

Foreign citizens may be permitted to participate in hunting coastal seals under certain conditions. Permission may be granted provided that hunting takes place along with a Norwegian citizen, or a foreign citizen residing in Norway, who has obtained a permit to hunt in a specified area.

Norwegian citizens are obliged to obtain a mandatory shooting licence in order to participate in seal hunting. The same requirements apply to foreign citizens, unless it can be documented that the foreign citizen is allowed to participate in big game hunting in his/her home country.

Protected seabird areas

Several seabird reserves have been established along the Norwegian coast, mainly on smaller islands and in other protected natural areas. The areas are well signposted.

In the reserves, all on shore traffic is forbidden during the breeding season. In many instances, there may also be a prohibition zone for traffic closer than 50 metres from land. The traffic prohibition period may vary from area to area, but normally it starts in April and ends in July.

For further information about seabird reserves and regulations governing fresh water fishing, please contact: The Directorate of Nature Management at <http://english.dirnat.no>

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Guidelines for recreational sea fishing in Norway



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It is of great importance that Norway's coastal resources are utilized respectfully and sensibly, to ensure that they are safeguarded for future generations.

Fishing in the sea

There is no charge for fishing in the sea.

As a foreign citizen, you may engage in sports fishing with hand held tackle, but you are not allowed to set out fixed equipment such as lobster/crab pots or nets, fishing lines or fishing nets.

The use of equipment to catch lobsters is also prohibited. It should also be noted that catching lobsters in connection with sports diving is illegal.

Foreign citizens are not allowed to sell their catches, and it is illegal to use live animals or fish as bait.

Sea fishing can be hazardous, so please remember to exercise great care, whether fishing from land or a vessel.

Export quota

As a recreational fisher you are allowed to export 15 kilos of fish or processed fish products, such as fillets. In addition, you are allowed to export a trophy fish (whole fish) and fish caught from a fishing boat when you fish alongside professional fishermen.

Freshwater species, such as salmon, trout and char are not subject to the 15-kilo quota.

Fish farms

Fish farms can be damaged by boats and fishing equipment with the result that fish can escape. In order to avoid damage being caused to the fish cages by sports fishers, the authorities have passed legislation forbidding fishing in a 100 metre zone from fish farms and other net enclosures.

There is also a general ban on traffic of all kinds within 20 metres from fish farming plants and/or tow-nets and seine enclosures that are moored ashore or anchored by any other means.

Red King Crab

Foreign citizens are not permitted to engage in the direct catch of red king crab. However, a smaller part of the red king crab quota is assigned to the tourist industry in the county of Finnmark, where foreign tourists are allowed to take part.

