

New expansion of Precautionary area at Ekofisk 01.04.13

This is a message to fishing vessels, fishing with seine net and trawl for demersal species, in the Ekofisk area.

Based on inspections in the area Ekofisk – Store Fiskebank, showing too much plaice and other flatfish under legal size, Coastguard vessel Bergen has expanded the precautionary area that was announced 31th of March 2013. The precautionary area is now limited by straight lines between the following positions:

1. 5631.0N-00251.0E
2. 5657.0N-00229.0E
3. 5717.0N-00458.0E
4. 5637.0N-00417.0E
5. 5623.0N-00319.0E

Vessels that intend to fish in the area must contact Norwegian Coastguard before start of fishing operations.

Area will be valid from the 01th of April at 1800 UTC until 14th of April at 1700 UTC.

Questions regarding the precautionary area can be forward to the Norwegian Coastguard.

Coastguard vessel Bergen is responsible for the area.