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of the Forty Seventh Session in the Joint Faroese – Russian Fisheries Commission

1. After an invitation from the Faroese Party and according to the Agreement of 27 November 1977 on mutual fishery relations the Forty Seventh session of the Joint Faroese-Russian Fisheries Commission was held by videoconference in Tórshavn, the Faroe Islands, and Moscow, the Russian Federation, on 5-6 December 2023.

The following representatives of the Contracting Parties in the Joint Commission participated in the Forty Seventh session:

For the Faroe Islands:

Andras Kristiansen

For the Russian Federation:

Sergey V. Simakov

Members of the delegations from the Faroe Islands and Russian Federation are listed in Appendix 1.

2. The Joint Commission approved the following agenda:

- 1. Opening of the session
- 2. Approval of the agenda. Establishment of the Working Groups
- 3. Status of fishery resources in the Barents and Norwegian Seas and the Faroese Fishing Zone
- 4. Exchange of statistical data between the Parties on their fisheries in 2022, and provisional catch statistics for 2023
- 5. Mutual quota allocations for 2024
- 6. Technical regulatory measures for fish and shrimps. The unified conversion factors for fish products
- 7. Number of fishery licences in 2024
- 8. Procedures for granting fishery permits/licences in 2024, fishing logbook and compliance with fishery regulations
- 9. Consultations on satellite tracking of fishing vessels of the Parties and electronic data exchange
- 10. Consultations on joint program of experimental fishery and scientific research for 2024
- 11. Cooperation according to Article 7 in the Agreement of 27 November 1977
- 12. Any other business
- 13. Closing of the session

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The Parties agreed to establish the following joint Working Groups: on scientific cooperation; on monitoring and surveillance; on cooperation; and a protocol group.

3. Status of fishery resources in the Barents and Norwegian Seas and the Faroese Fishing Zone

The Parties presented information on the status of main commercial species in the Barents and Norwegian Seas and in the Faroese Fishing Zone.

The Parties stated that the status of demersal fish species in the Barents Sea is satisfactory, however, the fishable stocks of cod and haddock will continue to decrease in 2024.

The blue whiting stock is significantly above the biomass reference points, and is expected to increase in future years due to record high 2020-2021 year classes.

It is expected that the spawning stock of Norwegian spring-spawning herring will decrease due to weak year classes after 2016 and it is predicted that the spawning stock will be below the precautionary biomass level in 2024 and continue to decline in 2025.

The mackerel stock is above the biomass reference points, and there is a slight decrease of the biomass predicted in 2024.

4. Exchange of statistical data between the Parties on their fisheries in 2022 and provisional catch statistics for 2023

The Parties exchanged statistical information on their fisheries in the Exclusive Economic Zone of the Russian Federation in the Barents Sea and in the Faroese Fishing Zone in 2022 and provisional information on their fisheries for 2023 to date.

The Parties agreed to exchange data on their catches in each other's zone on a monthly basis between:

the Severomorskoe Territorial Department of the Federal Agency for Fisheries of the Russian Federation (Severomorskoe Territorial Department), Murmansk, e-mail: murmansk@murmansk.fish.gov.ru;

the Border Guard Department of the FSB of Russia in the Western Arctic area by e-mail: pu.murmanobl2@fsb.ru;

the Murmansk Branch of FGFI "Centre of Fishery Monitoring and Communication" by e-mail: stat15@cfmc24.ru; and

the Faroe Islands Fisheries Inspection, Tórshavn, e-mail: vorn@vorn.fo and fmc@vorn.fo.

5. Mutual quota allocations for 2024

After consultations the Parties agreed on the following mutual quota allocations for 2024:

5.1 The Faroese authorities will permit Russian vessels to fish a quota of 75,000 tonnes of blue whiting (including by-catch of herring – up to 3% and anchovy – 10% of the quota of blue whiting), 12,291 tonnes of mackerel, and 5,735 tonnes of herring in the Faroese Fishing Zone. When fishing for blue whiting and mackerel, Russian vessels are permitted to have a by-catch of herring of up to 750 tonnes. This by-catch shall not be counted against the herring quota. When fishing for mackerel the allowed by-catch of herring is up to 49% of the total catches per landing.

The total catches and by-catches of herring shall not exceed 6,485 tonnes. The maximum by-catch of all other fish species together is up to 2% per haul.

The above-mentioned by-catch rules will be reflected in an Executive Order by the Government of the Faroe Islands.

Based on the catches of blue whiting and mackerel in 2024, the Russian Party may transfer unutilized amount of herring between the amount of herring allocated as by-catch and the amount of herring allocated for directed fishery. A request for such transfer must be made prior to 1 November 2024.

Russian vessels are granted access to the Faroese Fishing Zone in 2024 to fish up to 49% (equal to 55,618 tonnes) of the catch limitation of blue whiting for Russia in the NEAFC Regulatory Area for 2024.

The quotas allocated, and access granted to Russian vessels in the Faroese Fishing Zone, under this agreement, do not entitle Russian fishing vessels to pursue any fisheries activities in the Special Area as described by the coordinates in Schedule C in the Agreement between the Government of the Kingdom of Denmark together with the Home Government of the Faroe Islands, on the one hand, and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, on the other hand, relating to Maritime Delimitation in the Area between the Faroe Islands and the United Kingdom, 18 May 1999.

5.2 The Russian authorities will allow Faroese fishing vessels to catch the following fish species: cod, haddock, flatfish, including long rough dab and plaice, and by-catches of other species in the Exclusive Economic Zone of the Russian Federation in the Barents Sea.

It was agreed to allocate to the Faroese Party a quota of 9,766 tonnes of cod, 1,047 tonnes of haddock, 900 tonnes of flatfish, including plaice and long rough dab and 4,000 tonnes of northern shrimp.

The maximum by-catch of fish resources in the Exclusive Economic Zone of the Russian Federation in the Barents Sea shall be no more than 10% by weight for each species in

the catch per haul and no more than 10% for all species of the total weight of the catch in the landing (See also Item 6).

The Faroese Party may fish parts of the quotas of cod and haddock allocated by the Russian Party in the Norwegian Economic Zone in 2024 following the receipt of a written confirmation from the Russian authorities about approval of such an arrangement with the Norwegian authorities.

The Russian Party will allow Faroese fishing vessels to catch northern shrimp in the Exclusive Economic Zone of the Russian Federation in the Barents Sea. In addition, the Russian Party will allow Faroese fishing vessels to catch northern shrimp in the Exclusive Economic Zone of the Russian Federation in the Barents Sea and adjacent areas of the Arctic Ocean (in accordance with the Order by the Ministry of Agriculture of Russian Federation No. 692 dated 25.08.2023 "On Approval of the Total Allowable Catch of Aquatic Biological Resources in Inner Marine Waters of the Russian Federation, in the Territorial Sea of the Russian Federation, on the Continental Shelf of the Russian Federation, in the Exclusive Economic Zone of the Russian Federation and in the Caspian Sea in 2024"), provided that no more than one fishing vessel is simultaneously present in that area. The Faroese Party may request the Russian Party about the possibility that more than one fishing vessel is allowed to be simultaneously present in that area.

Moreover, for the purposes of the efficient utilization of northern shrimp quota allocated to the Faroese Party under the Protocol, Faroese vessels are allowed to go beyond the limits of the EEZ of the Russian Federation in the Barents Sea and transit through the NEAFC Regulatory Area east of the marine delimitation line established by the Agreement between the Russian Federation and the Kingdom of Norway on Delimitation and Cooperation in the Barents Sea and the Arctic Ocean from 15 September 2010 over the continental shelf of the Russian Federation under the following conditions:

- Comply with the requirements of the Regulation on the procedure for passing check points by Faroese vessels, ensure embarkations (disembarkations) of officers of the Federal Security Service of the Russian Federation in the Western Arctic area (hereinafter the Security Service) onboard the Faroese vessels;
- Undertake fishery in the presence of officials from the Security Service and under their control;
- Inform the Security Service on entry (exit) of the vessel into (from) the EEZ of the Russian Federation, about the positions of the vessel when fishing, and about the uptake of aquatic biological resources;
- To pass through the NEAFC Regulatory Area to the fishing ground within the shortest distance in compliance with the rules applicable for passage stated in section 2 of Part III of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea 1982;
- To send information to the addresses notified in section 8.7. of this Protocol on each entry (exit) of the vessel into (from) the EEZ of the Russian Federation, with the purpose of passage to the fishing area, and on-daily positions of the vessel while passing.

The Faroese Party requested the Russian Party to transfer up to 10 % of unutilised cod and haddock quotas from 2023 to 2024 taking into account that such practice of

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transferring unutilised quotas is widely used in other fisheries and ensures their flexibility. The Russian Party informed that it would consider such possibility, also taking the opinion of the Norwegian Party into account.

5.3 The Faroese Party will allow 5 Russian vessels to undertake experimental fishing in the Faroese Fishing Zone at depths deeper than 700 meters, provided that a Russian scientific observer is onboard. No more than 3 vessels can simultaneously be operating.

Two of these vessels can undertake experimental fishery in deep waters around Outer Bailey and Bill Baileys Banks, at depth between 500 and 700 meters, provided that catches in this area do not exceed 500 tonnes of deep-sea species.

- 5.4 In case any additional information of principal importance from the Permanent Working Group is available, the Parties may decide to hold an extraordinary session of the Joint Faroese Russian Fisheries Commission before 15 July 2024 to revise mutual quota allocations for 2024.
- 5.5 The Faroese Party requested the Russian Party to retain the right to fish for cod by its fishing vessels in the Baltic Sea in the future. The Russian Party agreed to look at this issue according to the Baltic cod stock condition.

The Parties discussed the prospects of fishery for crabs by Faroese vessels in the Exclusive Economic Zone of the Russian Federation in the Barents Sea and adjacent areas of the Arctic Ocean.

- 5.6 The Parties agreed that consultations shall be held, if so requested by either Party, on possible re-transfer of quotas allocated under item 5.1 and 5.2 which are expected not to be fully utilized.
- 5.7 The Russian Party will consider the possibility of allocating a capelin quota in the Exclusive Economic Zone of the Russian Federation in the Barents Sea to the Faroese Party provided that the Joint Russian-Norwegian Fisheries Commission establishes a quota of capelin to third countries.
- 5.8 The Faroese Party noted the proposal of the Russian Party to consider the possibility of allocating to it a saithe quota in the Faroese Fishing Zone for targeted fishery.
- 5.9 The Faroese Party stated its readiness to restrict the total volume of fishery of cod and other demersal species in the Barents Sea to the above-mentioned volumes as well as by the amounts set up by the arrangement between the Faroe Islands and Norway.
- 6. Technical regulatory measures for fish and shrimps. The unified conversion factors for fish products

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The Parties agreed to inform each other about introductions or amendments of fishery regulations applicable to vessels of the other Party. Such information shall be notified at least 14 days in advance before the regulations become effective. The Parties agreed to inform each other on such issues through correspondence to the official e-mails of the Parties: Federal Agency for Fisheries – harbour@fishcom.ru, Severomorskoe Territorial Department – murmansk@murmansk.fish.gov.ru and Ministry of Fisheries of the Faroe Islands – fisk@fisk.fo, Faroe Islands Fisheries Inspection - vorn@vorn.fo and fmc@vorn.fo.

The Faroese Party informed that a new Executive Order on fishing activities by vessels flying the flag of the Russian Federation in the Faroese Fishing Zone in 2024 will replace the Executive Order valid for 2023.

Cod and haddock

Sorting grids are mandatory for use in cod and haddock trawl fisheries in the Exclusive Economic Zone of the Russian Federation in the Barents Sea. The applied sorting grids must be in conformity with technical specifications on the basis of the minimal distance between bars of 55 mm.

This provision is not applicable when conducting directed fishery for flatfish.

It is allowed to use fine-meshed netting and materials for guiding parts of sorting grids.

The unified minimum mesh size of bottom trawls in cod and haddock fisheries in the entire area of their distribution is 130 mm. The minimum fish sizes are as follows: 44 cm for cod and 40 cm for haddock. A total by-catch of cod, haddock and saithe below the minimum fish size is allowed of up to 15% of the total number of cod, haddock and saithe from each individual haul and of other bioresources below the minimum fish size- not more than 20%.

It is allowed to have a by-catch of Greenland halibut of up to 12% by weight in each haul and up to 7% of the catch onboard after termination of fishing and in the landing.

The Russian Party will inform the Faroese Party about any possible changes in the Russian Fisheries Regulations for the Northern Fisheries Basin in the percentage of the by-catch of Greenland halibut.

It is permitted to have a by-catch of redfish of up to 20 % of the total weight in each individual haul and in the landing.

It is permitted to have a by-catch of saithe of up to 20 % of the total weight in each individual haul and in the landing.

The decision on the closing or opening of fishing areas shall become effective 7 days after the Parties have notified each other of the decision. Decisions on the closing or

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opening shall immediately come into force for vessels, which receive information on the decision directly from responsible authorities.

It is forbidden to use mid-water trawls in cod fishery.

Before the day ends it is allowed to make corrections of records in a fishing logbook relating to the previous day.

Capelin

Technical regulatory measures for capelin fishery are applied according to the Protocol of the 53rd session of the Joint Russian-Norwegian Fisheries Commission.

Blue whiting

According to the Faroese Party, special rules can be implemented from 15 April to 31 May 2024 concerning the fishery of blue whiting in the Faroese Fishing Zone with a view to prevent congestion, while the fishery is concentrated in a relatively limited area.

Sorting grids are mandatory for the use by all fishing vessels operating in the blue whiting fishery in the Faroese Fishing Zone.

The Faroese Party informed the Russian Party that a sorting grid may be used in accordance with the Agreed amendments to the sorting grid arrangements (Appendix 2).

Mackerel and herring

The Faroese Party informed the Russian Party that on the basis of the Agreement from 1st of July 2009 between the European Union, the Faroe Islands and Norway on control measures in the fisheries for pelagic species, new control measures were put into effect in 2012 for all Faroese vessels fishing for these species.

In 2014, these measures were put in place for foreign fishing vessels fishing for mackerel and herring in Faroese waters as well.

Real time closures in the Faroese Fishing Zone

The Faroese Party informed the Russian Party about real time closures of areas within the Faroese Fishing Zone due to high abundance of juvenile fish as stipulated in Executive Order No. 118 on the protection of juveniles and the maximum admixture of juveniles from 20 July 2021. In case of real time closure the Faroe Islands Fisheries Inspection will inform without delay Russian fishing vessels operating in its waters. Russian fishing vessels concerned have to leave the relevant areas within 2 hours as from the time and date indicated in the notice sent to the vessels.

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The competent authorities of the Faroe Islands will also inform without delay the Russian Party of each closure to Severomorskoe Territorial Department — murmansk@mumansk.fish.gov.ru.

Shrimp

A minimum mesh size in bottom trawls used in shrimp fisheries is 35 mm. The use of sorting grid with a maximum bar spacing of 19 mm is mandatory in all cases of fishing for shrimp in the Exclusive Economic Zone of the Russian Federation. It is allowed to use a reinforcement net on trawls when fishing for Northern shrimps provided that the mesh size of the reinforcement net is not less than 80 mm.

A by-catch of juvenile cod in shrimp fishery should not exceed a total of 800 individuals per 1 tonne of shrimp; by-catch of juvenile haddock should not exceed 2000 individuals per 1 tonne of shrimp. A by-catch of juvenile redfish should not exceed 300 individuals per 1 tonne of shrimp. A by-catch of juvenile Greenland halibut shall not exceed 300 individuals per 1 tonne of shrimp.

A decision on the closing or opening of fishing areas shall become effective 7 days after the Parties have notified each other of the decision. Decision on the closing or opening shall immediately come into force for vessels, which receive information on the decision directly from responsible authorities.

Before the day ends it is allowed to make corrections of records in a fishing logbook relating to the previous day.

Closed areas and periods of closure:

The Russian Party informed that there are no changes in coordinates of closed areas for fishery and periods of closure previously submitted to the Faroese Party.

Unified conversion factors for fish products

The Russian Party informed the Faroese Party about the unified conversion factors for products of cod and haddock endorsed by the Joint Norwegian-Russian Fisheries Commission at its 53rd session.

The Faroese Party has agreed that the Faroese fishermen similarly to the Russian and Norwegian fishermen use the following unified conversion factors for products: of cod:

- gutted with head - 1.18

- gutted without head - 1.50 (round cut)
- gutted without head - 1.55 (straight cut)

- gutted without head and without collar bone - 1.74

filleted cod:

- fillet with skin (with bone) - 2.65

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- fillet without skin (with bone)	- 2.84
- fillet without skin (without bone)	- 3.25
- fillet with skin (without bone)	- 2.95
- fillet with skin (without bone), without belly	- 3.16
- fillet without skin (without bone), without belly	- 3.43

of haddock:

- gutted with head	- 1.14
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- gutted without head - 1.40 (round cut)

- gutted without head and without collar bone - 1.69

filleted haddock:

- 3	fillet with skin (with bone)	-	2.76
- 3	fillet without skin (with bone)	-	3.07
]	fillet without skin (without bone)	-	3.15
-	fillet with skin (without bone)	_	2.80
-	fillet with skin (without bone), without belly	-	3.01
-	fillet without skin (without bone), without belly	-	3.28

According to the Faroese Executive Order No. 44 from 9 April 2003 the Russian Party has agreed to use the following established conversions factors for products in the Faroese Fishing Zone:

- 2.00

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Of mackerel:

 gutted with head gutted without head fillet with skin and bone fillet without skin with bone fillet without skin boneless fish meal 	- 1.15 - 1.30 - 2.60 - 2.60 - 2.60 - 5.22
Of blue whiting: - gutted with head - gutted without head - fillet with skin with bone - fillet without skin with bone - fillet without skin boneless - fish meal	- 1.20 - 1.40 - 2.80 - 2.80 - 2.80 - 5.11
Of herring: - gutted with head - gutted without head - fillet with skin with bone	- 1.00 - 1.00 - 2.00

- fillet without skin with bone

- fillet without skin boneless

- fish meal



The Russian Party informed the Faroese Party that in accordance with paragraph 14 of the Fisheries Regulations for the Northern Fisheries Basin adopted by the Ministry of Agriculture of the Russian Federation on May 13, 2021 No. 292, it is prohibited to receive (deliver) catches of aquatic biological resources without weighing or determining the amount of catch of aquatic biological resources using the volume-weight method and (or) by piece-by-piece recalculation, followed by recalculation to the average weight of aquatic biological resources and (or) recalculation according to the norms of output for fish products (conversion factors).

The approved conversion factors for cod and haddock products are given in Annex 7 to the Protocol of the 53rd session of the Joint Russian-Norwegian Fisheries Commission, and for products made from other fish species the approved norms of output are given in "Norms of output for processed products from aquatic biological resources in the Northern Fisheries Basin" on the Severomorskoe Territorial Department website (http://sevtu.ru/images/stories/2022/BN-2022.pdf).

In case of producing fish products other than those indicated in the above publications, individual one-year raw material output norms can be developed and approved at FSBSI "VNIRO".

The Faroese Party will send a request to the Russian Party about development of conversion factors.

Contact details of the organization for addressing issues related to development and application of conversion factors are as follows: FSBSI "VNIRO", 19 Okruzhnoy proezd, Moscow, 105187; Telephone: +7 (499) 264-93-87; e-mail: vniro@vniro.ru.

7. Number of fishing licences in 2024

7.1 The Russian authorities will for the year 2024 permit Faroese vessels to fish cod, haddock, flatfish, including Long rough Dab and plaice, and by-catch in the Exclusive Economic Zone of the Russian Federation in the Barents Sea, and to fish Northern shrimp in accordance with Section 5.2. of this Protocol.

The Faroese authorities will for the year 2024 permit Russian vessels to fish blue whiting, mackerel and herring in the Faroese Fishing Zone.

7.2 For the year 2024 the Faroese authorities will permit the following number of Russian vessels to fish for blue whiting, mackerel and herring in the Faroese Fishing Zone:

•From 1 January to 31 March : 20 vessels.

•From 1 April to 31 October : 29 vessels. If an area, as provided for in item 6 is defined with a view to prevent congestion, 16 Russian vessels, simultaneously, are allowed to be present in the defined area (from 15 April to 31 May).

•From 1 November to 31 December : 28 vessels.

The Russian Party requested to increase the number of Russian fishing vessels

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permitted to fish in the Faroese Fishing Zone from 1 April to 31 October 2024. The Faroese Party agreed to address the request.

7.3 Upon a request from the Russian Party, the Faroese authorities will consider permitting a specified number of the Russian vessels referred to under item 7.2 to carry out directed fishery for a specified quantity of Atlanto-Scandian herring in the Faroese Fishing Zone in 2024 against the quota of the Russian Federation that will be allocated under Agreed Record from Consultations of coastal states on the management measures for the Norwegian spring-spawning (Atlanto-Scandian) herring.

When the vessels change from one type of fishery to another they should in due time before the fishery starts inform the appropriate Faroese authorities accordingly.

8. Procedures for granting fishing permits/licences in 2024, fishing logbooks and compliance with fishery regulations

8.1 The Parties informed each other about the rules in force for fishery in the Exclusive Economic Zone of the Russian Federation in the Barents Sea and adjacent areas of the Arctic Ocean, and in the Faroese Fishing Zone.

The Faroese Party informed the Russian Party that transhipment of frozen fish and fish products is prohibited at sea.

Upon application from a vessel owner, the Faroese fisheries authorities may permit transhipment operations at quay side at designated Faroese ports.

- 8.2 It is the responsibility of each Party that its vessels comply with rules and regulations in force for fishery in areas under the jurisdiction of the other Party.
- 8.3 Concerning the procedure for granting licences for fishery in areas of fisheries jurisdiction of Russia and the Faroe Islands, the Parties agreed that they for 2024 should forward lists of the authorised fishing vessels not later than 15 days before the fishery starts. Experimental and research fishery vessels have to be reported separately and are not included in the list of vessels mentioned under item 7.2. These vessels have to transmit information every 24 hours to the Faroese authorities in accordance with a special procedure.
- 8.4 The Russian Party informed the Faroese Party that in accordance with the Russian legislation the harvesting (fishing) of aquatic biological resources in the Exclusive Economic Zone of the Russian Federation in the Barents Sea and adjacent areas of the Arctic Ocean as well as authorised on-loading, off-loading or transshipment of aquatic biological resources harvested (fished) in the Exclusive Economic Zone of the Russian Federation shall be undertaken in the presence of officials from a federal executive security body and under their control. The Faroese vessels shall ensure that embarkation (disembarkation) of the officials takes place at the sea check points ("Sever-1" or "Sever-2"), or in any other area within the Exclusive Economic Zone of the Russian Federation upon approval by the Border Guard Service of the FSB of Russia in Western Arctic area (Phone.: +7 8152 48 75 82; Fax: +7 8152 48 76 25; e-mail: pu.murmanobl2@fsb.ru). In



addition, the Faroese vessels shall provide the officials from the federal executive security body with accommodation and full board on equal terms with vessel officers, starting from the time of their arrival on board and up to the time of their departure.

The Russian Party informed the Faroese Party that the procedure of passing the checkpoints for foreign vessels fishing in the Exclusive Economic Zone of the Russian Federation in the Barents Sea is laid down in Appendix 3.

The Faroese Party reiterated that Faroese vessels fishing for shrimp in the north of Spitsbergen that intend to enter or exit the Exclusive Economic Zone of the Russian Federation to fish for shrimp have to sail a long distance to a check-point due to the current Russian regulation and location of the check-points (Sever-1 and Sever-2). This procedure makes utilization of the Faroese shrimp quota in Russian waters difficult. The Faroese Party once again asked the Russian Party to explore the possibility of simplifying the procedures.

The Parties discussed the problems relating to shrimp fishery by Faroese vessels in the Exclusive Economic Zone of the Russian Federation north of 77°N. There are significant costs associated with the fishing of this fishery resource, as its harvesting occurs in fishing grounds that are at far distances from the designated check points, and the associated procedures under Appendix 3 to this Protocol prevent the effective use of these quotas by Faroese vessels.

The Parties discussed different options to solve this problem, one of which was to explore the possibility to conclude an intergovernmental agreement that would provide for a simplified procedure for shrimp fishery by Faroese vessels, including passing the outer limit of the Exclusive Economic Zone of the Russian Federation. Under such simplified arrangement the Faroese fishing vessels could exit and enter the Exclusive Economic Zone of the Russian Federation pursuant to a procedure other than the procedure foreseen under Appendix 3 to this Protocol.

The Faroese Party drew the attention of the Russian Party to this issue and wished to continue to give it the utmost priority. The Russian Party recognises the concern of the Faroese Party and proposed to continue the work to find a solution satisfying both Parties.

The Faroese Party informed the Russian Party about its intention to establish check points for all foreign vessels within the Faroese Fishing Zone. The Faroese Party informed further that the Russian Party will be informed prior to the entry of the above-mentioned regulation into force.

The Faroese Party informed the Russian Party about its intention to establish an Observer Scheme for all foreign vessels within the Faroese Fishing Zone. The Faroese Party informed the Russian Party that the above mentioned regulation has entered into force.

8.5 The Faroese Party agreed that Faroese vessels during fisheries in the Exclusive Economic Zone of Norway must report on a weekly basis on uptake of quota allocated to the Faroe Islands by Russia to the Severomorskoe Territorial Department,

Murmansk, e-mail: murmansk@murmansk.fish.gov.ru. Such reports as well as any other catch reports shall include the number of the Russian permit/licence to fish aquatic biological resources. For the convenience of the masters of the Faroese fishing vessels in sending reports when fishing Russian quota, the Russian Party proposed to use the "Catch Report when fishing inside EEZ of the Russian Federation" and "Catch Report when fishing Russian quota outside of the Russian EEZ" forms (Appendices 6 and 7).

8.6 The Russian Party confirmed to the Faroese Party that applications for licences to the Faroese fishing vessels for harvesting (fishing) aquatic biological resources in the Exclusive Economic Zone of the Russian Federation in the Barents Sea, and to the vessels fishing for northern shrimp in the Exclusive Economic Zone of the Russian Federation in the Barents Sea and adjacent areas of the Arctic Ocean (hereinafter referred to as applications for harvesting (fishing) aquatic biological resources) shall be submitted by the Faroese authorities in writing to the Severomorskoe Territorial Department in the English language either by post to 7 Komintern Street, 183038 Murmansk, Russia, or by their representative.

The Severomorskoe Territorial Department considers applications and associated documents and informs the Faroese authorities no later than 15 working days after the day of receiving an application about the place, time and order of licences granting or notify in writing about motivated refusal on licences granting.

The Russian Party informed the Faroese Party that in accordance with the tax legislation of the Russian Federation a state duty for granting a permit/licence to harvest (fish) aquatic biological resources is 800 RUR and for amending the issued permit/licence is 350 RUR.

The Russian Party provided the Faroese Party with the application form for granting a permit/licence to harvest (fish) aquatic biological resources in 2024 and with the application form for amending the permit/licence (Appendices 8 and 9).

The Russian Party also confirmed that after the Faroese vessels have been granted licences for harvesting (fishing) of aquatic biological resources, their originals must be kept on board the vessel. The original licence shall include the name of captain, species composition and amount of aquatic biological resources allowed for harvesting (fishing), and other information. The Russian Party agreed to render assistance to the Faroese Party to make delivery of original licences faster.

The Russian Party informed the Faroese Party that according to the Federal Law No. 166-FZ dated December 20, 2004 On Fishing and Conservation of Aquatic Biological Resources (as amended and supplemented, effective from March 30, 2023) licences for the harvest (fishing) of aquatic biological resources are issued in form of an electronic document signed with an enhanced qualified electronic signature of an authorized official of the federal executive body in the field of fisheries, including via the federal state information system Unified portal of state and municipal services (functions).

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Modifications to original licences are allowed as stipulated by the existing legislation of the Russian Federation (Executive Order of the Government of the Russian Federation *No.* 2066 of November, 15 2022).

Requests for any modification to the licence for the Faroese fishing vessels for harvesting (fishing) aquatic biological resources shall be submitted by the Faroese authorities to the Severomorskoe Territorial Department in writing either by post to 7 Komintern Street, 183038 Murmansk, Russia, or by their representative.

Modifications to licences are forwarded to the Faroese authorities, Faroe Islands Fisheries Inspection by e-mail: vorn@vorn.fo and fmc@vorn.fo. Modifications shall become an integral part of the licence and shall upon receipt be onboard the relevant vessel.

The Faroese Party recalled that the Faroese authorities have not so far demanded any special licences for Russian fishing vessels operating in waters under Faroese fisheries jurisdiction, as they have up to now found it sufficient that the name and other relevant characteristics of such vessels appeared on the list mentioned under paragraph 8.3.

The Faroese Party informed that Faroese authorities contemplate the introduction, in conformity with Faroese fisheries legislation, of licensing procedures for Russian vessels that will mirror the Russian procedures for Faroese vessels. Russian authorities will be informed of such rules at least 60 days before their introduction.

The Faroese Party found that the procedures for application and issuing of licences for Faroese vessels in waters under the fisheries jurisdiction of the Russian Federation, and for modification of such licences, as laid down in the Decree by the Government of the Russian Federation No. 2066 dated 15 November 2022, are unnecessarily cumbersome and prone to create situations that could lead to accusations of breaches of the Russian rules. The Faroese authorities stated that it would be an advantage to have simple procedures for dealing with licences.

The Faroese Party proposed that the Russian Party make their licensing procedures for Faroese vessels fishing in Russian waters more flexible, and notably suggested the following points:

- That it should be considered sufficient that the vessels are on the list mentioned under Point 8.3., mirroring the existing Faroese rules, or
- in the case that individual licences are considered necessary
 - o that applications for new licences may be sent by electronic means;
 - o that issued licences may be sent by electronic means;
 - o that the original licence need not be on board the vessel, as an electronic copy of the original licence will be considered sufficient;
 - o that applications for changes in existing licences may be sent by electronic means;
 - o that changes in existing licences are sent by electronic means and together with the first issued licence will be regarded as one modified licence.

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The Faroese Party noted that simplified licencing procedures were agreed in the 42nd session of the Joint Russian-Norwegian Fisheries Commission (Annex 14 to the Protocol of the 42nd session of the Joint Russian-Norwegian Fisheries Commission) and requested the same licencing procedures to be implemented for Faroese fishing vessels.

The Russian Party agreed to address this matter.

8.7 The Parties should use e-mail for the solution of all operative questions in connection with the mutual fishery.

Russian vessels fishing in the Faroese Fishing Zone shall give notice to the Faroe Islands Fisheries Inspection to e-mail: vorn@vorn.fo and fmc@vorn.fo, or tel: +298 311065 on the following:

- Entry into the Faroese Fishing Zone. The notice (a catch on entry report) shall be given at the earliest 6 hours and not later than 2 hours before entry;

Daily catches. When fishing is ongoing, fishing vessels shall report the daily catches (a daily catch report) every morning before noon (12:00). When fishing for blue whiting in the Faroese Fishing Zone, Russian vessels shall indicate in section "(RE): Remarks" in the daily catch report under what quota (a Faroese quota or a NEAFC quota) the fishery is conducted;

Exit from the Faroese Fishing zone. The notice (a catch on exit report) shall be given at the earliest 8 hours and no later than 2 hours before exit. If the vessel is leaving the Faroese Fishing Zone without entering a Faroese port, this report shall be transmitted

at least 12 hours in advance of the exit.

Format for the catch on entry, daily catch and catch on exit reporting is in Appendix 12.

Faroese vessels shall give notice to the Severomorskoe Territorial Department, Murmansk, e-mail: murmansk@murmansk.fish.gov.ru, to coordination division of the Border Guard Department of the Federal Security Service of the Russian Federation in the Western Arctic area (5 Severny proezd, 183038 Murmansk, Russia, tel: +7 8152 487582, fax: +7 8152 487625, e-mail: pu.murmanobl2@fsb.ru) and to the Murmansk branch of FGFI "Centre of Fishery Monitoring and Communication" (Murmansk branch of FGFI CFMC), fax: +7 8152 474852 (dial 0) or e-mail: stat15@cfmc24.ru on:

- every entry into the Russian Economic Zone for authorized fishing of aquatic biological resources or transshipping the harvested (fished) aquatic biological resources from other vessels and exit from this area;
- positions of the vessel, when fishing for aquatic biological resources or transshipping the harvested (fished) aquatic biological resources from other vessels on a daily basis;
- information on uptake of aquatic biological resources on a daily, 10-day and monthly basis.
- 8.8 The Parties agreed to resume the practice of mutual exchange of experts from fisheries control and enforcement authorities of the Russian Federation and the Faroe

Islands to monitor catches and control landings by their vessels in the ports of both Parties.

The Parties agreed to address technical issues intersessionally within the Permanent Working Group.

8.9 The Parties agreed that vessels of one Party fishing in the fishing zone/exclusive economic zone of the other Party at the end of one year may continue fishing from 1 January of the following year until a new licence is received in accordance with the established procedure. The Faroese vessels can start fishing in the Exclusive Economic Zone of the Russian Federation before original licences are received, on the basis of their electronic copies.

8.10 The Parties agreed that Faroese fishing vessels will use the Fishing Logbook form endorsed by the competent authorities of the Faroese Party when fishing in the Exclusive Economic Zone of the Russian Federation (Appendix 10). The Faroese Party informed the Russian Party that since 2023 Faroese vessels have applied electronic log books. Thus, paper format logbooks will not be required, except in the event of a technical break down.

The Russian fishing vessels will use the Fishing Logbook form endorsed by the competent authorities of the Russian Party when fishing in the Faroese Fishing Zone (Appendix 11). The Russian Party informed the Faroese Party that from 2024 Russian vessels will use electronic fishing log books. Thus, paper format logbooks will not be required, except in the event of a technical break down according to the Russian legislation.

8.11 The Parties noted their cooperation in recent years concerning international inspection activity in Regulatory Areas of Regional Fisheries Management Organisations in the North Atlantic and expressed their intention to continue this cooperation in the future.

9. Consultations on satellite tracking of fishing vessels of the Parties and electronic data exchange

9.1. Satellite tracking of fishing vessels of the Parties

The Parties discussed the functioning of the "Agreed Record of Conclusions between Russia and The Faroe Islands on Issues related to Satellite Based Vessel monitoring Systems" (Appendix 4) in 2023 and agreed to prolong the validity of the abovementioned Agreed Record until 31 December 2024.

The Parties agreed to discuss the next period of validity of this Agreed Record during the next regular session of the Joint Commission.

The Parties agreed to exchange the lists of equipment installed on their respective vessels according to item 22 of the "Agreed Record of Conclusions between Russia and The Faroe Islands on Issues related to Satellite Based Vessel monitoring Systems"

(Appendix 4). The lists shall continue to be exchanged annually and updated in case of any changes.

9.2. Electronic Reporting System and electronic fishing logbook

Under the "Agreed Record on electronic exchange of catch and activity data for fishing vessels" the Parties agreed on the following:

- 1. to update a list of members of the bilateral technical working group for data exchange to prepare and conduct a testing. The Parties agreed to allow their relevant designated agencies to hold individual meetings regarding arrangement of electronic exchange of catch and vessel activity data if necessary;
- 2. to complete testing of electronic data exchange on "virtual" vessels by June 30, 2024. From July 1, 2024, continue testing of electronic data exchange on fishing vessels of the Russian Federation and the Faroe Islands;
- 3. to draft a joint report based on the results from the testing, and present it at the 48th session of the Joint Russian-Faroese Fisheries Commission;
- 4. strive to complete testing on electronic exchange of data on catch and fishing vessel activity in 2024 and make a decision to transit to electronic data exchange from 2025 at the 48th session of the Joint Commission.

10. Consultations on joint program of experimental fishery and scientific research for 2024

The Parties have agreed upon the joint programme of scientific research in the North East Atlantic (see Appendix 5).

11. Cooperation according to Article 7 in the Agreement of 27 November 1977

Based upon Article 7 in the Agreement of 27 November 1977 on mutual fishery relations between the Faroe Islands and the Russian Federation the parties have agreed to further extend their cooperation and to enhance the framework for the cooperation between companies and firms in the fishing industry for the mutual benefit of both Parties.

The Faroese Party expressed its wish to strengthen and enhance its trade relations with the Russian Federation by facilitating market access of, *inter alia*, fisheries products to the Russian Federation.

11.1 The Parties agreed to continue the activities of the Permanent Working Group on cooperation between Russia and the Faroe Islands, including, as appropriate, involvement of experts and interpreters working under the Joint Russian-Faroese Fisheries Commission.

The Permanent Working Group proposes that the relevant fisheries authorities of the Parties seek to achieve arrangements enabling allocated amount of aquatic biological

resources to be fished within their entire distribution area, which will contribute to effective, ecological and sustainable fisheries.

The Parties discussed closures of fishing grounds in the Russian EEZ in the Barents Sea in connection with military exercises noting that they resulted in production delays of the Russian and Faroese fishing vessels. The Parties agreed to communicate together and with appropriate public and state bodies regarding this issue to avoid losses in fishing time.

11.2 The Permanent Working Group shall in the most effective way coordinate issues mentioned in 11.3-11.6. The Permanent Working Group shall also prepare proposals for representatives of both Parties on operative solutions of matters, which may arise in 2024, including proposals on possible allocations on quotas in the zones of both Parties.

The Permanent Working Group has a mandate to carry out the following:

- 11.3 Possibilities for Faroese vessels and companies to provide fish and raw material to Russian companies and vessels and for Russian vessels to provide fish, shellfish and other marine living resources for Faroese companies and vessels.
- 11.4 Regional joint ventures between companies from both Parties to ensure optimal economic use of resources, facilities and experience available to the Parties, including in fish-farming, co-operation concerning knowledge on fish stocks, management of stocks, experiments with different fishing gear, production technology in the fishing industry, ship technology, repairs and ship building, fisheries economy, management in the fishing industry on and off shore, fish farming, marketing with a view to provide effective and fast communication when questions arise and to implement various forms of cooperation between companies of both Parties.
- 11.5 Any other possibilities, which might be acceptable for both Parties on a basis of mutual benefit.

12. Any other business

12.1. The Parties agreed that the Forty Eight session of the Joint Commission should take place in Russia in late November/early December 2024.

The present Protocol is done in Tórshavn, the Faroe Islands, and in Moscow, the Russian Federation, on December 6th 2023, in the English and Russian languages with the same authenticity for both texts.

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Agreed amendments to the sorting grid arrangements

Given below are amendments to the sorting grid arrangements to apply in addition to the current regulations for the use of sorting grid in the blue whiting fishery in the Faroese Fishing Zone.

To prevent unnecessary loss of blue whiting (the target species) with the use of the sorting grid the installations below are recommended, based on joint Russian and Faroese experiments in 2008 and 2009. It is recommended to install a leading panel in front of the sorting grid and insertion of ropes to stabilise the escape opening, as described below (see attached illustration):

for lifting panel — a lifting net panel 200-300 cm long with a width equal to trawl's codend horizontal spreading at the place of fastening should be installed before the grid, frontal edge of the panel should be tightly fastened to the lower panel of the trawl;

distance from the rear edge of the lifting panel to the grid should be at least 40 cm; free (rear) edge of the lifting panel should be connected with the grid by ropes of the same length (min. 40 cm), the distance between ropes not less than 60 cm; from edge of the lifting panel a (hanging) net can be fastened to the end of the lifting panel of max. 40 cm length, of the same with as the leading panel. The hanging net must be below the ropes between the lifting panel and the grid; for escaping window — free edge of the escaping window in front of the grid is recommended to connect to the lower edge of the grid with ropes of the length of min. 20 cm. The distance between the ropes should not be less than 75 cm.

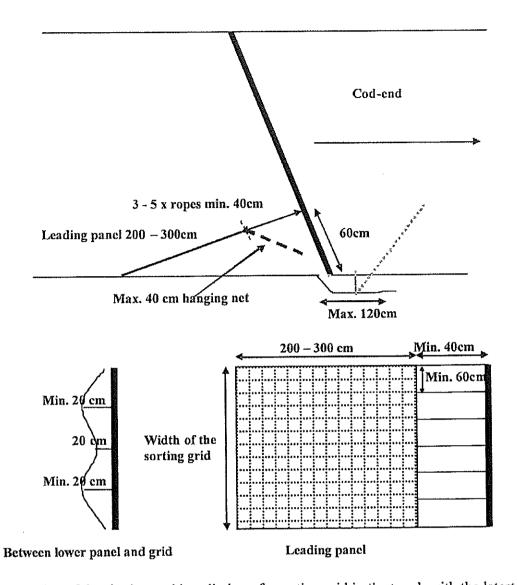


Illustration of the rigging and installation of a sorting grid in the trawl, with the latest modifications adding a leading panels in front of the grid and insertion of ropes to stabilise the escape opening.

REGULATIONS of the procedure of passing a Sea check point by Faroese vessels

I. General statements

- 1.1. A Sea Check Point (hereinafter referred as the check point) shall be established in the Exclusive Economic Zone of the Russian Federation (hereinafter referred as the RF EEZ) with the purpose to carry out monitoring-and-checking procedures to ensure that Faroese vessels that fish aquatic biological resources in the RF EEZ and (or) carry out marine research investigations in the RF EEZ comply with these Regulations when such vessels enter the RF EEZ with the above-mentioned purposes or exit it.
- 1.2 The monitoring-and-checking procedures in the check point shall be carried out by the officers of a specially authorized federal executive body on security (hereinafter referred to as officers) who are present onboard a Coast Guard vessel (patrol vessel) of the Border Guard Department of the FSB of Russia in the Western Arctic area (hereinafter referred to as the Coast Guard vessel (patrol vessel).
- 1.3 The check point is an area limited by the circumference with a radius of 2 nautical miles with the center formed by a point, the geographical coordinates of which as well as the name of check point, call signs, radio frequencies (channels) used to call a Coast Guard vessel (patrol vessel) are given in Note 1 of this Appendix.
- 1.4 It is obligatory for Faroese vessels to pass the check point every time they enter (exit) the RF EEZ when crossing the line of its outer limit to fish aquatic biological resources and (or) carry out marine research investigations or after having completed such operations.
- 1.5 Faroese vessels shall pass through the check point irrespective of the presence of Coast Guard vessels (patrol vessels) in the check point.
- 1.6 Violation of the established procedure for passing the check point by the Faroese vessels shall be prosecuted in accordance with the legislation of the Russian Federation.
 - II. The procedure for passing the check point by Faroese vessels
- 2.1 Masters of Faroese vessels shall, not later than 8 hours prior to crossing the line of outer limit of the RF EEZ, send information by radio (or by fax) to the Border Guard Department of the FSB of Russia in the Western Arctic area, indicating the details for the specific vessel (see Note 2 and 3). The information shall be transmitted in the English language.

In case there arise circumstances which were used as a ground for the refusal to pass check points, masters of Faroese vessels shall inform the Border Guard Department of the FSB of Russia in the Western Arctic area about it well in advance by telephone, telephoned message, fax or e-mail, but not less than 4 hours prior to the intended passing of the check point.

- 2.2 When approaching the check point at a distance of 12 nautical miles, the master of Faroese vessel shall call an officer present onboard the Coast Guard vessel (patrol vessel) using Channel 16 VHF radio communication (156.8 MHz) during 45 minutes (with the frequency of 5 minutes) and confirm (insert changes into) the previously sent data enlisted in Note 3.
- 2.3 After having received such information the officer shall take one of the following decisions:
 - to carry out inspection (examination) of the vessel;
 - to embark (board) a Coast Guard officer onboard the vessel;
 - to give a permission for to the vessel to pass freely.

The officer shall inform the master of Faroese vessel on the decision taken.

2.4 A vessel shall be considered as having passed the check point immediately after the inspection is completed provided its results give no grounds for her arrest or after having got a permission to pass freely.

The master of Faroese vessel shall make an entry in the fishing logbook (or vessel logbook) containing the date, time (board time), the number of the check point passed, name or number of the Coast Guard vessel (patrol vessel), name of the officer who gave the permission to pass freely.

When inspecting the vessel, officers from the Coast Guard vessel (patrol vessel) shall make corresponding entries in the fishing logbook (vessel logbook) of the Faroese vessel.

2.5 Provided no reply to the call made by the Faroese vessel approaching the check point is given by the Coast Guard vessel (patrol vessel) within 45 minutes (call discretion of 5 minutes), the master of Faroese vessel shall, 10 minutes prior to entry into the check point, make a repeated call to the Coast Guard vessel (patrol vessel) during 10 minutes (with the frequency of 5 minutes), record information in the vessel logbook about geographical coordinates of the vessel, name of the check point, board time of the start and the end of the call, and whether any reply or no reply has been received from the Coast Guard vessel (patrol vessel) to the call.

Provided there is no reply from the Coast Guard vessel (patrol vessel) to the call, foreign vessels shall pass through the check point steering the planned course.

2.6 Information on crossing the line of the outer limit of the RF EEZ in the Barents Sea shall be transmitted to the Border Guard Department of the FSB of Russia in the Western Arctic area. Checks shall be carried out in "Sever-1" or "Sever-2" check points.

2.7 The Coast Guard vessel (patrol vessel) that carries out monitoring-and-checking procedure in the check point shall inform Faroese vessels that conduct fishing about her working radio frequencies.

Note 1

Coordinates of the check points:

Name of the	Coordinates of the		Call sign of	Coast Guard	Check point
check point	centre	of the	Coast Guard	vessel (patrol	radius
_	checkpoii	nt	vessel (patrol	vessel) radio	
	Latitude	Longitud	vessel)	call	
	north	е		frequency	
		east			
Sever-1	70°10.0	32°00.0	Whaleboat-1	156.8 MHz	2 miles
	ļ			(Channel 16)	
Sever-2	72°40.0	37°00.0	Whaleboat-2	156.8 MHz	2 miles
1	A-0			(Channel 16)	

Note 2

The Border Guard Department of the FSB of Russia in the Western Arctic area:

5 Severny proezd, Murmansk, 183038

tel.: +7 8152 48 75 82 Fax: +7 8152 48 76 25

e-mail: pu.murmanobl2@fsb.ru

Terms of reference: Barents Sea within inner sea waters, territorial sea and Exclusive

Economic Zone of the Russian Federation.

Note 3

Information to be transmitted by Faroese vessels to the Border Guard Department of the FSB of Russia in the Western Arctic area:

- 1. Flag state of the vessel
- 2. Name of the vessel
- 3. Vessel owner
- 4. Side number of the vessel (registration number)
- 5. Radio call sign
- 6. Port of registration
- 7. First and family name of the master of vessel
- 8. Vessel crew number
- 9. License (permit) number for fishing aquatic biological resources in the Exclusive Economic Zone of the Russian Federation
- 10. Name of authority that issued the license (permit) to fish aquatic biological
- 11. Date of issue of the license (permit) to fish aquatic biological resources

- 12. Catches and fish products present onboard the vessel (in kilograms) in accordance with the codes of the International Convention on the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System of 14 June 1983 for Foreign vessels.
- 13. Coordinates of the start of fishing for aquatic biological resources (upon entry) or the end of fishing for aquatic biological resources (upon exit).
- 14. Coordinates and estimated time of crossing the line of the outer limit of the Exclusive Economic Zone of the Russian Federation.
- 15. Name of the sea check point and estimated time of passing through it.
- 16. Number of the message (date and board data of information transmission).

Agreed Record of Conclusions between Russia and the Faroe Islands on Issues related to Satellite Based Vessel monitoring Systems

1. In accordance with paragraph 9 of the protocol of the 23th session of the Russian-Faroese Fisheries Commission held in Torshavn on 14-16 December 1999, the Russian Federation and the Faroe Islands have agreed to carry out satellite tracking of fishing vessels as outlined in the following paragraphs.

The term "satellite tracking" indicates permanent automatic determination of coordinates and transmission of information on the vessel position with the help of the satellite means of communication.

The term "fishing vessel" means a vessel carrying out, at least, one of the following types of activity:

- searching, fishing, on-loading/off-loading, processing, transporting, storing of aquatic biological resources or products made of them;
- scientific research of aquatic biological resources;
- supplying of vessels referred to above with oil, water, provisions, packaging materials and other supplies.
- 2. This Agreed Record of Conclusions shall apply to the Parties' fishing vessels exceeding 24 meters overall length, when they operate in the waters of the other Party.
- 3. Vessels defined in paragraph 2 shall be tracked by their flag Party Fisheries Monitoring Centre (FMC) at all times, regardless of which waters they are operating in.
- 4. For the purpose of satellite tracking the Parties shall communicate to the other Party latitude and longitude co-ordinates of their respective Exclusive Economic Zones (EEZs) and Fisheries Zones (FZs). Such co-ordinates shall be without prejudice to other claims and positions of the Parties.
 - The said data shall be communicated in computer readable form as decimal degrees in the WGS-84 datum.
- 5. Tracking may have a position error, which shall be less than 500 metres, with a confidence interval of 99%.
- 6. The flag State FMC before 1 January each year, if possible, or, at least, before the entrance of the fishing vessel of the flag State into the waters of other Party shall notify the other Party State FMC in computer readable form, about fishing vessels defined in accordance with paragraph 2 which plan to carry out the activities referred to in paragraph 1.

For each fishing vessel such notification is carried out using the notification report (NOT), containing the information listed in Annex 4.2. The flag State FMC shall promptly notify of any changes to this information.

To exclude a vessel from the list of notified vessels the flag State FMC shall send a withdrawal report (WIT), the format of which is given in Annex 4.2. If a vessel should remain notified with updated information, a new full report NOT should immediately follow after WIT report.

- 7. When a vessel subject to satellite tracking enters into or exits from an EEZ or a FZ of the other Party, the flag Party FMC shall forward to the FMC of the other Party an Entry or Exit report. These messages shall be identified as either Entry or Exit reports as appropriate. Such messages shall be transmitted without delay and based on a preceding tracking on an hourly basis.
- 8. When a fishing vessel has moved into an EEZ or a FZ of the other Party, the latest position report from that vessel shall be communicated from the flag Party FMC to the FMC of the other Party without delay at least every hour. These messages shall be identified as Position reports.
- 9. Messages according to paragraphs 6, 7 and 8 shall be in computer readable form, and shall be set up in accordance with the definitions stipulated in Appendix 4.1. Messages according to paragraphs 6, 7 and 8 shall be communicated in a real time mode utilising HTTPS using only TLS cryptographic protocol in its composition.
 - If it is not possible to transmit data with HTTPS protocol messages shall be sent by e-mail utilising the North Atlantic Format two times a day.
- 10. In the event of technical failure or non-function of the satellite tracking device fitted on board of a fishing vessel as identified in paragraph 2, the master of that vessel shall communicate to his flag Party FMC information according to paragraph 8 in a timely manner. One position report every 4 hours shall be sufficient under such circumstances, as long as the vessel stays within the EEZ or a FZ of the other Party. The flag Party FMC or the fishing vessel shall forward such messages to the FMC of the other Party without undue delay.
 - If these messages are communicated to the other Party in machine-readable form, messages shall be identified as Manual reports.
 - Such faulty equipment shall be repaired or replaced within one month or at the first call to port during this period. Thereafter, the vessel is not authorised to commence or continue fishing in the waters of the other Party with a defective satellite tracking device.
- 11. The Parties shall exchange information concerning IP and e-mail addresses and specifications that shall be used for electronic communication between their FMCs in accordance with paragraphs 6, 7, 8 and 10. Such information shall, to the extent available, also include names, telephone numbers, telex numbers, fax numbers, Internet addresses that can be useful for general communication between the FMCs.
- 12. The flag state FMCs shall monitor the tracking of its vessels when in the waters of the other Party. Information will be forwarded to the FMC of the other Party without delay in the event that it is discovered that their tracking does not function as agreed.
- 13. In the event that a FMC discovers that information is not being communicated by the other Party in accordance with paragraphs 7, 8 or 10, the other Party shall be notified without delay.
- 14. Under no circumstances shall tracking data communicated to the other Party in accordance with paragraphs 7, 8 and 10 of this agreement be disclosed to anyone

- other than control and monitoring authorities and for Search and Rescue and marine safety authorities in the area of their responsibility in such a form that the identity of an individual vessel can be derived.
- 15. The FMC of the Faroe Islands is established at the Faroe Islands Fisheries Inspection in Torshavn. The FMC of Russia is established in Moscow on the basis of the FGFI "Centre of Fishery Monitoring and Communication", having a subsidiary in Murmansk Murmansk branch of FGFI CFMC.
- 16. Vessels subject to satellite tracking shall still comply with all current reporting requirements of the other Party, until otherwise agreed between Russia and the Faroe Islands. In this context a review of the Parties' respective rules on monitoring and control is encouraged in order to make appropriate improvements.
- 17. Exchange of messages according to paragraphs 6, 7, 8 and 10 shall commence on 1 January, 2024.
- 18. If a vessel as identified in paragraph 2 flying the flag of one of the Parties is observed within the EEZ or a FZ of the other Party after the date stated in paragraph 17, fishing or intending to fish, without having an operational tracking device on board, and without messages as agreed being communicated to that other Party, this vessel may be instructed to leave the waters of that Party. The Parties agree to establish routines concerning the exchange of information in order to establish the factual situation causing such lack of messages. This exchange must seek to prevent the wrongful exclusion of a vessel.
- 19. Failing to comply with agreed provisions may be considered a serious infringement.
- 20. The Parties take note that for ensuring the accuracy pursuant to the requirements specified in paragraph 5 the coordinate formats should be presented as decimal degrees with three digits after the decimal point.
- 21. In order to provide for a harmonised satellite based vessel monitoring system the Parties agree to review the operation of the satellite based vessel monitoring systems by the end of 2024.
- 22. The Parties agree to exchange, upon request, information on the equipment used for the operation of the satellite tracking system in order to confirm that such equipment is fully compatible with the requirements of the other Party.
- 23. The Russian Party confirms that Faroese vessels, which meet the requirements and the paragraphs as stated in this agreement, will be understood to fulfil the requirements of the Russian regulation "Temporary Regulations on Satellite Control on the Geographical Position of Foreign Vessels".
- 24. The Faroese Party confirms that Russian vessels, which meet the requirements and the paragraphs as stated in this agreement, will be understood to fulfil the requirements of the Faroese legislation regarding satellite tracking of foreign vessels.

Appendix 4.1

Communication of VMS messages to the other Party Messages shall use the syntax of the North Atlantic Format

1) «ENTRY» report

l) «ENTRY» report Data Element:	Code	Mandatory/ Optional	Remarks:	
Start record	SR	M	System detail; indicates start of record	
Address	AD	М	Message detail; destination Party Alfa-3 ISO country code	
From	FR	М	Message detail; the transmitting Party Alfa-3 ISO country code	
Record Number	RN	М	Message detail; serial number of the record in the relevant year	
Record Date	RD	М	Message detail; record date (YYYYMMDD)	
Record Time	RT	М	Message detail; record time (HHMM)	
Type of Message	TM	М	Message detail; message type, «ENT»	
Radio call sign	RC	М	Vessel detail; international radio call sign of the vessel	
Zone	ZO	М	The Alfa-3 code for an EEZ or a FZ	
Speed	SP	М	Vessel speed in tenths of knots	
Course	со	М	Vessel course 360° scale	
External Registration Number	XR	0	Vessel detail; the side number of the vessel	
Latitude	LT	M	± DD.ddd (WGS84) ¹ Values negative if latitude is on th southern hemisphere	
Longitude	LG	М	± DDD.ddd (WGS84) ¹ Values negative if longitude is of the western hemisphere	
Date	DΛ	M	Position detail; UTC date of position (YYYY MMDD)	
Time	TI	М	Position detail; UTC of time position (HHMM)	
End of record	ER	М	System detail; indicates end of the record	

The plus-sign (+) needs not to be transmitted; leading zeros can be omitted

2) «POSITION» report

2) «POSITION» report Data Element:	Code	Mandatory/ Optional	Remarks:	
Start record	SR	М	System detail; indicates start of record	
Address	AD	М	Message detail; destination Party Alfa-3 ISO country code	
From	FR	М	Message detail; the transmitting Party Alfa-3 ISO country code	
Record Number	RN	M	Message detail; serial number of the record in the relevant year	
Record Date	RD	М	Message detail; record date (YYYYMMDD)	
Record Time	RT	М	Message detail; record time (HHMM)	
Type of Message	ТМ	М	Message detail; message type, «POS»	
Radio call sign	RC	М	Vessel detail; international radio call sign of the vessel	
Zone	ZO	М	The Alfa-3 code for an EEZ or a FZ	
Speed	SP	M	Vessel speed in tenths of knots	
Course	СО	M	Vessel course 360° scale	
External Registration Number	XR	0	Vessel detail; the side number of the vessel	
Latitude	LT	М	± DD.ddd (WGS84) ² Values negative if latitude is on the southern hemisphere	
Longitude	LG	М	± DDD.ddd (WGS84) ² Values negative if longitude is on the western hemisphere	
Date	DA	М	Position detail; UTC date of position (YYYY MMDD)	
Time	TI	М	Position detail; UTC of time position (HHMM)	
End of record	ER	М	System detail; indicates end of the record	

The plus-sign (+) needs not to be transmitted; leading zeros can be omitted

Message type shall be «MAN» for reports in accordance with Paragraph 9

3) «EXIT» report

Data Element:	Code	Mandatory/ Optional	Remarks:	
Start record	SR	М	System detail; indicates start of record	
Address	AD	М	Message detail; destination Party Alfa-3 ISO country code	
From	FR	М	Message detail; the transmitting Party Alfa-3 ISO country code	
Record Number	RN	М	Message detail; serial number of the record in the relevant year	
Record Date	RD	М	Message detail; record date (YYYYMMDD)	
Record Time	RT	М	Message detail; record time (HHMM)	
Type of Message	ТМ	М	Message detail; message type, «EXI» as Exit Report	
Radio call sign	RC	M	Vessel detail; international radio call sign of the vessel	
External Registration Number	XR	O	Vessel detail; the side number of the vessel	
Zone	ZO	М	The code for an EEZ or a FZ	
Date	DA	М	Position detail; UTC date of position (YYYYMMDD)	
Time	TI	М	Position detail; UTC time of position (HHMM)	
End of record	ER	М	System detail; indicates end of the record	

4) «RETURN» message

Data Element:	Code	Mandatory/ Optional	Remarks:	
Start record	SR	М	System detail; indicates start of record	
Address	AD	М	Message detail; destination Party Alfa-3 ISO country code	
From	FR	М	Message detail; the transmitting Party Alfa-3 ISO country code (The Party sending the Return message)	
Type of Message	ТМ	М	Message detail; «RET» as Return message	
Radio call sign	RC	М	Vessel detail; international radio call sign of the vessel	
External Registration Number	XR	0	Vessel detail; the side number of the vessel	
Return Status	RS	M¹	Reporting detail; code showing whether the message is acknowledged or not (ACK or NAK)	
Return error number	RE	М	Reporting detail; number showing the type of error: See table "Return Error Numbers" below	
Record number	RN	М	Reporting detail; record number of the message which is received	
Date	DA	М	Return Message detail; UTC date of transmission (YYYYMMDD)	
Time	TI	М	Return Message detail UTC time of transmission (HHMM)	
End of record	ER	М	System detail; indicates end of the record	

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Upon the receipt of NOT and WIT reports, the Parties shall transmit RET report (message) with a status ACK (accepted and stored) or NAK message (rejected). Upon the receipt of ENT, POS, EXI и MAN reports, the Parties shall transmit the RET message only when there is error number indicated in the field RE.

Return Error Numbers

Rejected (NAK) Follow-up action required	Accepted and Stored (ACK) Follow-up action required	Accepted and Stored (ACK) with warning	Error cause
101			Message is unreadable
102		THE RESERVE OF THE PROPERTY OF	Date value or size out of range
104			Mandatory data missing
106			Unauthorised data source
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	251		Vessel is not Notified

Notification of fishing vessels

Messages shall use the syntax of the North Atlantic Format

1). "Notification" report

Data Element	Code	Mandatory	Remarks	
		Optional		
Start record	SR	M	System detail; indicates start of the record	
Address	AD	М	Message detail; ISO-3 country code of the receiving Party state (RUS for the Russian Federation, FRO for the Faroe Islands)	
From	FR	М	Message detail; ISO-3 country code of the transmitting Party state (RUS for the Russian Federation, FRO for the Faroe Islands)	
Record Number	RN	М	Message detail; message serial number in current year	
Record date	RD	M	Message detail; UTC date of transmission	
Record time	RT	M	Message detail; UTC time of transmission	
Type of Message	TM	М	Message detail; message type, "NOT" as Notification report	
Vessel Name	NA	М	Vessel registration detail; name of the vessel	
Radio call sign	RC	М	Vessel registration detail; international radio call sign of the vessel	
Flag State	FS	М	Vessel registration detail; ISO-3 country code of the state where the vessel is registered state (RUS for the Russian Federation, FRO for the Faroe Islands)	
External Registration Number	XR	M	Vessel registration detail; the side number of the vessel 1	
Vessel IMO number	IM	М	Vessel registration detail; IMO number of the vessel ²	
Port Name	PO	0	Vessel registration detail; port of registration or home port	
Vessel Owner	VO	O ₃	Vessel registration detail; responsible for using the vessel, name and address of the owner	
Vessel Charterer	VC	O ³	Vessel registration detail; responsible for using the vessel, name and address of the charterer	
Vessel Type	TP	M	Vessel characteristic, FAO vessel code (ISSCFV standard)	
Vessel capacity Measurement method Tonnage	VT	0	Vessel characteristic, vessel capacity: "OC" "Oslo" convention 1947, "LC" "London" convention ICTM-69 Total capacity in tonnage	
Vessel Length Measurement method	VL	0	Vessel characteristic, overall length of the vessel in meters "OA"	

Length			Overall length of the vessel in meters rounded to the nearest whole meter
Vessel Power Measurement method Power	VP	O	Vessel characteristic, total main engine power "KW" Total main engine power in kilowatts
End of record	ER	M	System detail; indicates end of the record

¹ In the absence of a side number of the vessel the field XR must contain "NIL"

² In the absence of IMO number of the vessel the field IM must contain "NIL"

³ Whichever one is appropriate

2) "WITHDRAWAL" report

Data Element	Code	Mandatory	Remarks
		/ Optional	
Start record	SR	М	System detail; indicates start of the record
Address	AD	М	Message detail; ISO-3 country code of the receiving Party state (RUS for the Russian Federation, FRO for the Faroe Islands)
From	FR	M	Message detail; ISO-3 country code of the transmitting Party state (RUS for the Russian Federation, FRO for the Faroe Islands)
Record Number	RN	М	Message detail; message serial number in current year
Record date	RD	М	Message detail; UTC date of transmission
Record time	RT	М	Message detail; UTC time of transmission
Type of Message	ТМ	М	Message detail; message type, "WIT" as Withdrawal report
Radio call sign	RC	М	Vessel registration detail; international radio call sign of the vessel
External Registration Number	XR	O	Vessel registration detail; the side number of the vessel
Vessel Name	NA	0	Vessel registration detail; name of the vessel
Start Date	SD	М	Message detail; the first date as from which the withdrawal takes effect
End of record	ER	M	System detail; indicates end of the record

JOINT PROGRAMME OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IN 2024

1. Research on blue whiting

The Polar Branch of FSBSI "VNIRO" ("PINRO"), Murmansk, Russian Federation, and the Faroe Marine Research Institute (FAMRI), Tórshavn, Faroe Islands have collaborated to study the migration and distribution of blue whiting in the Norwegian Sea and adjacent waters since 1998.

In 2024, scientists from the Polar Branch of FSBSI "VNIRO" ("PINRO") and FAMRI will exchange statistical data of fishery of the blue whiting with the distribution of catch by quarters, months, coordinates, economic zones, as well as the age and weight composition of fish for a more reliable assessment of state of the stock of blue whiting and the forecast of its possible catch.

2. Research on Norwegian spring-spawning (Atlanto-Scandian) herring

The Polar Branch of FSBSI "VNIRO" ("PINRO") and FAMRI have collaborated in studying migrations and distribution of herring in the Norwegian and Barents Seas since 1995. The Parties conduct research on herring under national and international programmes.

The herring research in the Norwegian and Barents Seas in frames of the International ecosystem survey in Nordic seas (IESNS) is preliminarily scheduled for May-June 2024.

In 2024, scientists from the Polar Branch of FSBSI "VNIRO" ("PINRO") and FAMRI will exchange statistical data of fishery of the herring with the distribution of catch by quarters, months, coordinates, economic zones, as well as the age and weight composition of fish for a more reliable assessment of state of the stock of herring and the forecast of its possible catch.

3. Research on mackerel

FAMRI has participated in the International summer ecosystem survey on mackerel (IESSNS) in July since 2009. In 2024, scientists from the Polar Branch of FSBSI "VNIRO" ("PINRO") and FAMRI will exchange statistical data of fishery of the mackerel with the distribution of eatch by quarters, months, coordinates, economic zones, as well as the age and weight composition of fish for a more reliable assessment of state of the stock of mackerel and the forecast of its possible eatch.

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CATCH REPORT (WHEN FISHING RUSSIAN QUOTA OUTSIDE OF THE RUSSIAN EEZ)

To: Severomorskoe Territorial Department of the Federal Agency for Fisheries. e-mail: murmansk@murmansk.fish.gov.ru

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Application for a License to fish in 20 Registration Name of vessel: (side) number: IRCS: Type of vessel: Nationality: Port of registry: Vessel's owner: Address: Quota owner: Address: Type of fishing: Type of quota: Fishing area: Quota, t: Target species: Target species: Quota, t: Fishing period: Fishing gear: Fishing gear type: Master's full name: Address: Place and year Engine Number of Vessel Max of power speed tonnage, crew building (hp or members: GRT: (knt): of the kW): vessel: Radiophone **Radio Conditions** Operating Control frequencies: frequencies: frequencies: Cargo holds (quantity, capacity in cubic meters): Freezing chambers (quantity, capacity in tons or cubic meters): Ground for issuing a License:

Signature:

Date:

Appendix 9

To the Severomorskoe Territorial

Department of Rosrybolovstvo str. Kominterna, 7, 183038, Murmansk, Russia Application to amend the Licence to fish in 20____

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Format for the catch on entry, daily catch and catch on exit reporting

1. Start fishing (COE, catch on entry)

This report shall be transmitted at the earliest 6 hours and not later than 2 hours in advance of a vessel's entry into the Faroese Fishing Zone

- (TM): Type of message: COE (Catch on Entry)
- (SO): Sequence Number
- (LC): Licence Number (Optional)
- (DS): Direct fisheries on what species
- (RC); Radio call sign
- (IM): IMO Number (Optional)
- (TN): Trip Number (Optional)
- (NA):Name of Vessel
- (MA): Name of Master
- (XR): External Registration Number
- (RA): Relevant Fishing Area
- (LA): Latitude when Transmitted
- (LO): Longitude when Transmitted
- (OB): Quantity on Board by Species (FAO 3 alpha code) live weight in kilograms
- (DA): Date of Transmission (dd-mm-yyyy)
- (TI): Time of Transmis sion (24H h: m)
- (RE): Remarks

2. Catch (CAT, Daily Catch)

Daily catches. When fishing is ongoing, fishing vessels shall report the daily catches (a daily catch report) every morning before noon

- (TM): Type of message: CAT (Daily Catch)
- (SQ): Sequence Number
- (LC): Licence Number (Optional)
- (DS): Direct fisheries on what species
- (RC): Radio call sign
- (IM): IMO Number (Optional)
- (TN): Trip Number
- (NA):Name of Vessel
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- (XR): External Registration Number
- (RA): Relevant Fishing Area
- (LA): Latitude when Transmitted
- (LO): Longitude when Transmitted
- (CA): Catches the previous day from 00.00 to 23.59 (CAT) by Species (FAO 3 alpha
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- (TC): Total Catch on Board by Species (FAO 3 alpha code) live weight in kilograms
- (DA): Date of Transmission (dd-mm-yyyy)
- (TI): Time of Transmission (24H h:m)
- (RE): Remarks

3. Stop fishing (COX, Catch on Exit)

This report shall be transmitted at the earliest 8 hours and not later than 2 hours in advance of each exit/end fishing. If the vessel is leaving the Faroese Fishing Zone without entering a Faroese port, this report shall be transmitted at least 12 hours in advance of the exit.

- (TM): Type of Message: COX (Catch on Exit)
- (SQ): Sequence Number
- (LC): Licence Number (Optional)
- (DS): Direct fisheries on what species
- (RC): Radio call sign
- (IM): IMO Number (Optional)
- (TN): Trip number (Optional)
- (NA): Name of Vessel
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