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Executive Order

on

the protection of certain areas in the Faroese Fisheries Zone from trawl fisheries or fisheries with other gear, as amended by Executive Order No 117 from 20 July 2021

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 34 (1) 1-3 and 5, and section 64 (2) of Parliamentary Act No 152 of 23 December 2019 on Marine Resources, as amended by Parliamentary Act No 106 from 29 June 2020, the following has been stipulated:

Scope

1. This Executive Order establishes the rules on the protection of certain areas in the Faroese Fisheries Zone from trawl fisheries and fisheries with other gear, and rules on the closure of Føroya Banki.

Definition

2. Base lines in this executive order are those that are stipulated in “Bekendtgørelse om afgrænsningen af søterrettoriet ved Færøerne”.

Areas protected from trawl fisheries

3. - (1) Fisheries with trawl is not allowed in the areas and periods listed in section 3 (2) to (24).

(2) Year-round, inside 12 nautical miles from the base lines, except for vessels that have special permits for trawling.

(3) In Area B in the period from 1. December to 1 March, both days included, within lines drawn between the following points:

- 1) 61°40,000'N 09°10,000'V
- 2) 61°40,000'N 09°40,000'V
- 3) 61°15,000'N 09°40,000'V
- 4) 61°15,000'N 09°25,000'V
- 5) 61°30,000'N 09°15,000'V
- 6) 61°40,000'N 09°10,000'V

(4) In area C, year-round, 12 nautical miles from the base lines within lines drawn between the following points:

- 1) 61°44,800'N 07°43,300'V

- 2) 61°32,800'N 08°20,500'V
- 3) 61°49,000'N 08°41,800'V
- 4) 61°57,000'N 08°16,500'V
- 5) 61°57,000'N 07°59,500'V

(5) In area D, year-round, 12 nautical miles from the base lines and within lines drawn between the following points:

- 1) 62°26,083'N 07°30,000'V
- 2) 62°30,000'N 07°30,000'V
- 3) 62°30,000'N 08°00,000'V
- 4) 62°35,000'N 08°00,000'V
- 5) 62°47,000'N 07°12,083'V
- 6) 62°47,000'N 06°30,000'V
- 7) 62°35,000'N 06°30,000'V

(6) Notwithstanding the provisions in section 3 (5) demersal fisheries are allowed in area D, provided that the trawl is equipped with a sorting grid, as laid down in Executive Order on the use of sorting grid in demersal fisheries in the Faroese Fisheries Zone, within lines drawn between the following points:

- 1) 62°34,000'N 08°00,000'V
- 2) 62°44,500'N 07°09,500'V
- 3) 62°45,800'N 06°47,000'V
- 4) 62°45,000'N 06°37,000'V
- 5) 62°44,000'N 06°30,000'V
- 6) 62°47,000'N 06°30,000'V
- 7) 62°47,000'N 07°12,000'V
- 8) 62°35,000'N 08°00,000'V
- 9) 62°34,000'N 08°00,000'V

(7) In area E in the period from 1 April to 31 January, both days included, 12 nautical miles from the base lines and within lines drawn between the following points:

- 1) 62°25,000'N 05°52,000'V
- 2) 62°25,000'N 05°16,000'V
- 3) 62°03,000'N 05°18,000'V
- 4) 62°03,000'N 05°50,000'V
- 5) 62°00,000'N 05°50,000'V
- 6) 62°00,000'N 05°57,083'V

(8) In area F, year-round, 12 nautical miles from the base lines and within lines drawn between the following points:

- 1) 61°12,000'N 06°22,000'V
- 2) 61°03,000'N 06°17,000'V
- 3) 61°00,000'N 06°07,000'V
- 4) 60°42,000'N 06°11,000'V
- 5) 60°45,000'N 06°17,000'V
- 6) 60°45,000'N 06°36,000'V
- 7) 61°27,000'N 07°30,000'V
- 8) 61°32,500'N 07°27,000'V

(9) Notwithstanding the provisions in section 3 (8) demersal fisheries are allowed in area F, provided that the trawl is equipped with a sorting grid, as laid down in Executive Order on the use of sorting grid in demersal fisheries in the Faroese Fisheries Zone, within lines drawn between the following points:

- 1) 61°12,000'N 06°22,000'V
- 2) 61°03,000'N 06°17,000'V

- 3) 61°00,000'N 06°07,000'V
 - 4) 60°42,000'N 06°11,000'V
 - 5) 60°45,000'N 06°17,000'V
 - 6) 60°45,000'N 06°13,000'V
 - 7) 60°56,000'N 06°09,000'V
 - 8) 61°00,000'N 06°22,000'V
 - 9) 61°12,000'N 06°22,000'V
- (10) In area G, year-round, 12 nautical miles from the base lines and within lines drawn between the following points:
- 1) 61°37,000'N 07°33,000'V
 - 2) 61°30,000'N 07°45,000'V
 - 3) 61°26,000'N 07°45,000'V
 - 4) 61°26,800'N 07°49,200'V
 - 5) 61°27,300'N 08°04,000'V
 - 6) 61°29,000'N 08°10,000'V
 - 7) 61°30,500'N 08°13,000'V
 - 8) 61°34,500'N 08°15,000'V
 - 9) 61°36,000'N 08°10,000'V
 - 10) 61°31,500'N 07°56,000'V
 - 11) 61°41,000'N 07°38,500'V
- (11) In area H, year-round, between 12 and 19 nautical miles from the base lines between the latitude 61°57,000'N and 315° true from Barđinum 62°08,800'N 07°26,000'W.
- (12) In area I, for fishing vessels with engine power of 500 HP or more, in the period from 1 January to 31 December, both days included, between 12 and 19 nautical miles from the base lines between 315° true from Barđinum 62°08,800'N 07°26,000'W and within lines drawn between the following points:
- 1) 62°30,000'N 07°45,000'V
 - 2) 62°30,000'N 07°30,000'V
 - 3) 62°26,083'N 07°30,000'V
- (13) In area J, for fishing vessels with engine power of 500 HP or more, in the period from 1 January to 31 December, both days included, between 12 and 16 nautical miles from the base lines and east of longitude 06°30,000'W and north of latitude 62°25,000'N.
- (14) In area K in the period from 1 January to 31 December, both days included, within lines drawn between the following points:
- 1) 60°54,000'N 06°04,000'V
 - 2) 60°51,000'N 06°04,000'V
 - 3) 60°51,000'N 05°56,000'V
 - 4) 60°54,000'N 05°56,000'V
 - 5) 60°54,000'N 06°04,000'V
- (15) In area L in the period from 1 January to 31 December, both days included, within lines drawn between the following points:
- 1) 60°26,000'N 06°32,000'V
 - 2) 60°35,000'N 06°35,000'V
 - 3) 60°35,000'N 06°09,000'V
 - 4) 60°26,000'N 06°10,000'V
 - 5) 60°26,000'N 06°32,000'V
- (16) In the area M in the period 1 February to 1 June, both days included, between the longitude 006°30,000'W and the longitude 006°00,000'W from 16 nautical miles from the base lines and to a line drawn between 62°44,000'N - 006°30,000'W and 62°37,000'N - 006°00,000'W.
- (17) In the area P all year within lines drawn between following points and in this order:

- 1) 61°37,000'N 007°33,000'V
- 2) 61°30,000'N 007°45,000'V
- 3) 61°26,000'N 007°45,000'V
- 4) 61°25,416'N 008°01,000'V
- 5) 61°32,800'N 008°20,500'V
- 6) 61°36,000'N 008°10,000'V
- 7) 61°31,500'N 007°56,000'V
- 8) 61°41,000'N 007°38,500'V
- 9) 61°37,000'N 007°33,000'V

(18) In area R, for fishing vessels with engine power of 500 HP or more all year within lines drawn between following points and in this order:

- 1) 61°36,000'N 008°10,000'V
- 2) 61°31,500'N 007°56,000'V
- 3) 61°41,000'N 007°38,500'V
- 4) 61°44,800'N 007°43,300'V
- 5) 61°36,000'N 008°10,000'V

(19) In the area S, for fishing vessels with engine power of 500 HP or more, all year south of Skeivabanka, within lines drawn between following points and in this order:

- 1) 61°37,000'N 007°33,000'V
- 2) 61°30,000'N 007°45,000'V
- 3) 61°26,000'N 007°45,000'V
- 4) 61°27,000'N 007°30,000'V
- 5) 61°32,500'N 007°27,000'V
- 6) 61°37,000'N 007°33,000'V

(20) In area T, year-round, within lines drawn between the following points:

- 1) 62°38,000'N 08°00,000'V
- 2) 62°29,800'N 08°00,000'V
- 3) 62°12,000'N 08°34,500'V
- 4) 62°12,000'N 08°46,000'V
- 5) 62°18,000'N 08°45,000'V
- 6) 62°38,000'N 08°00,000'V

(21) The fishing prohibition in Section 3 (20) does not include demersal fisheries where the trawl is equipped with a sorting grid, as laid down in Executive Order on the use of sorting grid in demersal fisheries in the Faroese Fisheries Zone.

(22) In area U, year-round, within lines drawn between following points:

- 1) 62°24,000'N 05°00,000'V
- 2) 62°30,000'N 05°06,000'V
- 3) 62°32,000'N 05°20,000'V
- 4) 62°28,000'N 05°20,000'V
- 5) 62°27,000'N 05°10,000'V
- 6) 62°24,000'N 05°06,000'V
- 7) 62°24,000'N 05°00,000'V

(23) The fishing prohibition in Section 3 (22) does not include demersal fisheries where the trawl is equipped with a sorting grid, as laid down in Executive Order on the use of sorting grid in demersal fisheries in the Faroese Fisheries Zone.

(24) In area I, according to section 3 (12), area J, according to section 3 (13), area R according to section 3 (18) and in area S, according to section 3 (19), pair trawling or use of twin-trawl is not permitted.

(25) The fishing prohibitions in section 3 (2) to (24) do not include scientific and exploratory fisheries organised by Havstovan (Faroe Marine Research Institute).

Closed areas to protect corals

4. - (1) In order to protect coral areas, the following areas, listed in section 4 (2) to (4), are closed for trawl fisheries:

(2) Area 1: South of Suðuroyarbanka within lines drawn between the following points and in this order:

- 1) 61°09,500'N 005°23,000'V
- 2) 60°58,500'N 005°33,000'V
- 3) 60°53,000'N 006°00,000'V
- 4) 61°09,000'N 006°10,000'V
- 5) 61°09,500'N 005°23,000'V

(3) Area 2: West of Munkagranninum within lines drawn between the following points and in this order:

- 1) 60°41,000'N 006°46,500'V
- 2) 60°35,400'N 006°39,600'V
- 3) 60°33,500'N 006°28,300'V
- 4) 60°36,000'N 006°30,600'V
- 5) 60°41,000'N 006°46,500'V

(4) Area 3: West of Ytrabanka within lines drawn between the following points and in this order:

- 1) 60°28,000'N 010°58,000'V
- 2) 60°28,000'N 010°56,000'V
- 3) 60°25,000'N 010°54,000'V
- 4) 60°25,000'N 010°58,000'V
- 5) 60°28,000'N 010°58,000'V

Føroya Banki

5. - (1) In Føroya Banka, area A, in the period from 1 January to 31 December, both days included, it is prohibited to fish with any type of fishing gear within lines drawn between the following points:

- 1) 60°50,000'N 07°57,000'V
- 2) 61°03,000'N 07°57,000'V
- 3) 61°15,500'N 08°16,000'V
- 4) 61°13,333'N 08°42,200'V
- 5) 61°00,000'N 09°11,000'V
- 6) 60°48,667'N 09°25,000'V
- 7) 60°24,000'N 09°07,000'V
- 8) 60°50,000'N 07°57,000'V

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions in 5 (1), in area a, in the period from 1 September to 31 May, both days included, fishing is permitted within the following points:

- 1) 60°50,000'N 07°57,000'V
- 2) 60°57,333'N 07°57,000'V
- 3) 60°45,667'N 08°37,000'V
- 4) 60°36,500'N 08°45,000'V
- 5) 60°26,000'N 09°08,417'V
- 6) 60°24,000'N 09°07,000'V
- 7) 60°50,000'N 07°57,000'V

(3) The area closure in section 5 (1) does not include demersal fisheries, that are regulated in an executive order in accordance with the Parliamentary Act on Marine Resources.

Punishment

6. - (1) Breaches of the provisions in sections 3-5 shall be subject to a fine unless a more severe punishment is laid down in another Act.

(2) Companies and other legal persons are liable to punishment according to the regulations in chapter five of the Criminal Law Act.

(3) According to section 70 of the Parliamentary Act on Marine Resources, VØRN (Faroe Islands Fisheries Inspection) is authorized to withdraw the fisheries licence if a breach is committed according to section 6 (1). The licence can be withdrawn for up to 4 weeks at a time.

Duration

7. This Executive Order will take effect the day after it has been promulgated. When this Executive Order takes effect Executive Order no. 178 from 29 December 2017 on the protection of certain areas in the Faroese Fisheries Zone from trawl fisheries or fisheries with other gear will be abolished.

Ministry of Fisheries, 11. April 2018

Høgni Hoydal (sign.)
Minister

/Rógvi Reinert (sign.)