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Executive Order on the protection of juveniles and maximum admixture of juveniles

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 25 (4), section 34 (1) 2, 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 and Parliamentary Act No. 185 of 18 December 2020, the following has been stipulated:

Scope

1.- (1) This Executive Order applies to fisheries in the Faroese Fisheries Zone and establishes the rules for the protection of juveniles.

The term juvenile and allowed admixture of juveniles

2. –(1) In this Executive Order, fish smaller than the measurements below, measured from the tip of the head to the end of the tail, is juvenile:

- 1) Saith, *Pollachius virens*, 55 cm.
- 2) Cod, *Gadus morhua*, 50 cm.
- 3) Haddock, *Melanogrammus aeglefinus*, 45 cm.
- 4) Redfish, *Sebastes norvegicus*, 37 cm.
- 5) Deep sea redfish, *Sebastes mentella*, 37 cm.
- 6) Blue ling, *Molva dypterygia*, 75 cm.
- 7) Ling, *Molva molva*, 75 cm.
- 8) Tusk, *Brosme brosme*, 50 cm.
- 9) Monkfish, *Lophius piscatorius*, 55 cm.
- 10) Argentine, *Argentina silus*, 28 cm.
- 11) Blue Whiting, *Micromesistius poutassou*, 23 cm.
- 12) Herring, *Clupea harengus*, 25 cm.
- 13) Mackerel, *Scomber scombrus*, 30 cm.

(2) Maximum admixture of juvenile:

- 1) For saithe, juvenile fish shall not exceed 30 % in numerical quantity in each haul or each day of fishing with jigging reels.
- 2) For cod, juvenile fish shall not exceed 30 % in numerical quantity in each haul or each long-line set. For vessels fishing with handline or with jigging reels and for vessels less than 110 tonnes fishing with long-line, the maximum admixture is 30 % pr. day.
- 3) For haddock, juvenile fish shall not exceed 30 % in numerical quantity in each haul or each long-line set. For vessels fishing with handline or with jigging reels and for vessels less than 110 tonnes fishing with long-line, handline or jigging reels, the maximum admixture is 30 % pr. day.
- 4) For redfish, juvenile fish shall not exceed 25 % in numerical quantity in each haul or each long-line set. The maximum admixture applies to vessels fishing with trawl or long-line.
- 5) For blue ling, juvenile fish shall not exceed 25 % in numerical quantity in each haul or each long-line set.
- 6) For ling, juvenile fish shall not exceed 25 % in numerical quantity in each haul or each long-line set.
- 7) For tusk, juvenile fish shall not exceed 25 % in numerical quantity in each haul or each long-line set.
- 8) For monkfish, juvenile fish shall not exceed 25 % in numerical quantity in each haul or each long-line set.
- 9) For argentine, juvenile fish shall not exceed 10 % in numerical quantity in each haul.
- 10) For blue whiting, juvenile fish shall not exceed 50 % in numerical quantity in each haul.
- 11) For herring, juvenile fish shall not exceed 10 % in numerical quantity in each haul, seine net cast or long-line set.
- 12) For mackerel, juvenile fish shall not exceed 10 % in numerical quantity in each haul or seine net cast.

Reporting requirements and the obligation to move away from the area

3. -(1) If the admixture of juvenile fish according to section 2 (1) is more than the stipulated maximum in section 2 (2), the shipmaster shall immediately notify VØRN (the Faroe Islands Fisheries Inspection) through the notification system on their webpage, www.vorn.fo. If the admixture of juvenile fish of blue whiting, herring and mackerel respectively is more than the stipulated maximum in section 2 (2), the shipmaster shall immediately notify Vørn (Faroe Islands Fisheries Inspection) through the notification system on their webpage, www.vorn.fo, and the fishing vessel shall immediately cease fishing and move away at least 10 nautical miles from any position of the haul for the next 72 hours.

(2) The shipmaster is obligated to inform about the admixture of juvenile fish.

Real time closures

4. -(1) Whenever Vørn (the Faroe Islands Fisheries Inspection) is notified, as stipulated in section 3, or in any other way becomes aware that the admixture of juveniles is too high, VØRN is, according to section 59 (1) in the Parliamentary Act on Marine Resources, authorized to establish real time closures of the area. The area that is closed for fisheries shall not exceed what is deemed necessary to avoid admixture of juveniles that is too high.

(2) Real time closures may be announced for up to 4 weeks at a time.

Punishment

5. - (1) Breaches of the provisions in sections 3 shall be subject to a fine.
(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 (the Faroe Islands Fisheries Inspection) is authorized to withdraw the fisheries licence if a breach is committed according to section 5(1). The licence can be withdrawn for up to 4 weeks at a time.

Duration

6.—(1) This Executive Order will take effect on 1 September 2021. At the same time Executive Order No. 55 from 26 March 1993 on the term juvenile and maximum admixture of juvenile, and Executive Order No. 56 from 26 March 1993 on special provisions for the protection of juveniles, will be abolished.

Ministry of Fisheries, 20 July 2021

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