



FISKIVINNU- OG SAMFERÐSLUMÁLARÁÐIÐ

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Executive Order No. 45 from 6 April 2022 on temporary ban on fishing on spawning grounds, as amended by Executive Order No. 2 from 30 January 2024

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 25 (4), section 34 (1) 1, 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, Parliamentary Act No. 185 from 18 December 2020, Parliamentary Act No. 170 from 21 December 2021 and Parliamentary Act No. 155 from 20 December 2023, the following has been stipulated:

Scope

1. This Executive Order applies to fisheries in the Faroese Fisheries Zone and establishes the rules on ban on fishing on spawning grounds.

Spawning grounds, ban on different gear

2. (1) Fisheries are not allowed in areas and with gear in periods as specified below:
 - 1) In the period from 1 February to 1 May, it is prohibited to fish with any fishing gear within lines drawn between the following points and in the following order:
 - a) 61°40,000 N - 008°25,000 W
 - b) 61°54,000 N - 008°40,000 W
 - c) 61°54,000 N - 007°25,500 W
 - d) 61°58,000 N - 007°15,000 W
 - e) 61°53,000 N - 007°04,000 W
 - f) 61°45,000 N - 007°04,000 W
 - g) 61°40,000 N - 007°16,000 W
 - h) 61°40,000 N - 008°25,000 W
 - 2) In the period from 1 February to 1 May, fishing vessels larger than 80 tonnes, exempt from fishing vessels without baiting machine, are not allowed to fish with longline between 315° true from Barðinum, 62°08,800 N - 007°26,000 W, and 360° true from Mýlingi, 62°18,180 N - 007°12,500 W, and between 6 nautical miles and 12 nautical miles from the base lines.
 - 3) In the period from 1 February to 1 May, it is not allowed to fish with any fishing gear, exempt from jigging reel and fishing for monkfish with gillnet, between 315° true from Barðinum, 62°08,800 N - 007°26,000 W, and 360° true from Mýlingi,

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- 62°18,180 N - 007°12,500 W, from 12 nautical miles from the base lines and to lines drawn between the following points and in the following order:
- a) 62°32,000 N - 008°15,000 W
 - b) 62°46,000 N - 007°12,500 W
- 4) In the period from 15 January to 15 May, fishing with trawl is not allowed between 360° true from Mýlingi, 62°18,180 N - 007°12,500 W, and 360° true from Ennibergi, 62°23,816 N - 006°33,633 W, from 12 nautical miles from the base lines and to lines drawn between the following points in the following order:
- a) 62°46,000 N - 007°12,300 W
 - b) 62°48,000 N - 007°00,000 W
 - c) 62°50,000 N - 006°33,633 W
- 5) In the period from 1 February to 1 May, it is not allowed to fish with any fishing gear, exempt from jigging reel, hand line and fishing rods, between 360° true from Mýlingi, 62°18,180 N - 07°12,500 W, and 360° true from Kallinum, 62°22,250 N - 006°48,333 W, and between 6 nautical miles and 12 nautical miles from the base lines.
- 6) In the period from 1 February to 1 May, it is not allowed to fish with any fishing gear between 360° true from Ennibergi, 62°23,816 N - 006°33,633 W, and 006°15,000 W longitude between 12 nautical miles and 16 nautical miles from the base lines, and between 360° true from Ennibergi, 62°23,816 N - 006°33,633 W, and 006°00,000 V longitude between 16 nautical miles from the base lines and to a line drawn from the following points in the following order:
- a) 62°45,000 N - 006°33,633 W
 - b) 62°37,000 N - 006°00,000 W
- 7) In the period from 15 January to 1 April, it is not allowed to fish with any fishing gear, exempt from jigging reel and longline fishing, between lines drawn between the following points in the following order:
- a) 62°20,000 N - 005°45,000 W
 - b) 62°20,000 N - 005°25,000 W
 - c) 62°15,000 N - 005°25,000 W
 - d) 62°09,000 N - 005°40,000 W
 - e) 62°09,000 N - 005°50,000 W
 - f) 62°20,000 N - 005°45,000 W
- 8) In the period from 15 February to 15 May, it is not allowed to fish with any fishing gear on the Faroe Bank between lines drawn between the following points in the following order:
- a) 60°57,333 N - 007°57,000 W
 - b) 61°03,000 N - 007°57,000 W
 - c) 61°15,500 N - 008°16,000 W
 - d) 61°13,333 N - 008°42,200 W
 - e) 61°00,000 N - 009°11,000 W
 - f) 60°48,666 N - 009°25,000 W
 - g) 60°26,000 N - 009°08,416 W
 - h) 60°36,500 N - 008°45,000 W
 - i) 60°45,666 N - 008°37,000 W
 - j) 60°57,333 N - 007°57,000 W

(2) Exempt from the ban in Section 2 (1) 1) is fisheries with jigging reel and fisheries for monkfish with gillnets. Exempt from the ban are also fishing vessels with engine power less than 500 HP in the area that overlaps with area R in Section 3 (18) in Executive Order on the protection of certain areas in the Faroese Fisheries Zone from trawl fisheries or fisheries with other gear.

Punishment

3. -(1) Breaches of the provisions in sections 2 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 3(1). The licence can be withdrawn for up to 4 weeks at a time.

Duration and annulment

4. This Executive Order takes effect the day after it has been published. At the same time Executive Order No. 23 from 18 March 2005 on temporary ban on fishing on spawning grounds for Norwegian and EU vessels and Executive Order No. 4 from 9 February 2006 on temporary ban on fishing on spawning grounds, shall be abolished.

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