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Executive Order on fishing for blue whiting in the Faroese Fisheries Zone

With the authority in Article 9, paragraph 2 of Parliamentary Act No. 28 from 10 March 1994 on Commercial Fisheries with later amendments, it is hereby decided:

Areas

Article 1. It is prohibited to fish for blue whiting in the areas referred to in paragraphs 2 and 3.

2. On the Faroe Plateau within lines drawn between the following points and in this order :

- 1) 62°50'00"N, 07°11'00"W
- 2) 62°53'00"N, 06°40'00"W
- 3) 62°50'00"N, 06°10'00"W
- 4) 62°43'00"N, 05°38'00"W
- 5) 62°32'00"N, 05°02'00"W
- 6) 62°25'00"N, 04°15'00"W
- 7) 62°19'00"N, 04°00'00"W
- 8) 62°01'00"N, 04°00'00"W
- 9) 61°17'00"N, 04°56'00"W
- 10) 60°26'00"N, 06°10'00"W
- 11) 60°26'00"N, 06°32'00"W
- 12) 60°35'00"N, 06°35'00"W
- 13) 61°23'00"N, 07°30'00"W
- 14) 61°25'25"N, 08°01'00"W
- 15) 61°32'48"N, 08°20'30"W
- 16) 61°49'00"N, 08°41'50"W
- 17) 62°00'00"N, 10°00'00"W
- 18) 62°40'00"N, 10°00'00"W
- 19) 62°40'00"N, 08°00'00"W
- 20) 62°50'00"N, 07°11'00"W

3. On Faroe Bank within lines drawn between the following points and in this order :

- 1) 60°50'00"N, 07°57'00"W
- 2) 61°03'00"N, 07°57'00"W
- 3) 61°15'30"N, 08°16'00"W
- 4) 61°13'20"N, 08°42'12"W
- 5) 61°00'00"N, 09°11'00"W
- 6) 60°48'40"N, 09°25'00"W
- 7) 60°24'00"N, 09°07'00"W
- 8) 60°50'00"N, 07°57'00"W

Fishing gear

Article 2. When fishing for blue whiting with pelagic trawl, the mesh size in the trawl shall not be smaller than 35 mm.

Article 3. The trawl shall be equipped with a sorting grid when fishing for blue whiting north of 60°20'00"N, and south of a line drawn true east from the point 63°00'00"N, 06°00'00"W and out to the 200 nautical mile limit and 315° in a direct line from the point 63°00'00"N, 06°00'00"W and out to the 200 nautical mile limit.

2. The grid shall have a maximum distance of 55 mm between the bars. Annex 1 contains a diagram of the grid and the grid section.

By-catches

Article 4. Total by-catches of cod, haddock, saithe and redfish shall not exceed 2% of the total catch, neither in each haul nor for each landing.

Punishment

Article 5. Breaches of the provisions in Articles 1 to 4 shall be subject to a fine according to Article 40 of the Parliamentary Act on Commercial Fisheries.

Article 6. This executive order shall take effect on 15 April 2007.

2. Notwithstanding the provision in paragraph 1 of this Article, Article 3 will take effect from 1 June 2007.

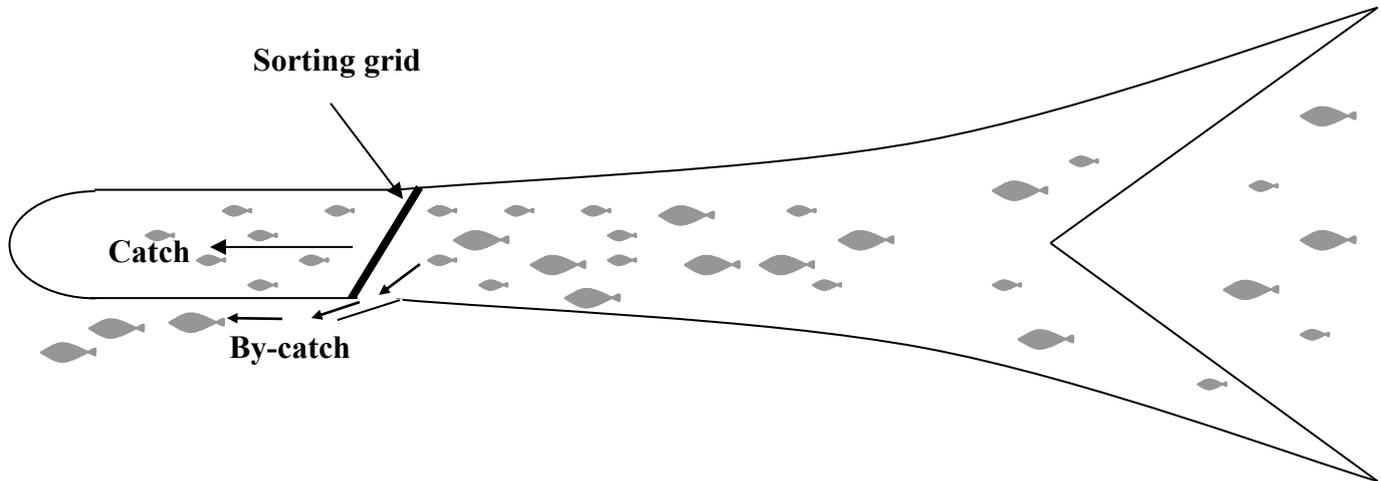
Ministry of Fisheries and Maritime Affairs, 9 March 2007

Bjørn Kalsø (sign.)
Minister

/Rógvi Reinert (sign.)

Diagram of the sorting grid and grid section:

The purpose of the sorting grid is to sort larger fish from the blue whiting and allow the larger fish to exit through an opening in the bottom panel of the trawl.



The sorting grid section

The sorting grid section shall be mounted between the belly of the trawl and its codend. The maximum permitted distance between the bars of the sorting grid shall be 55 mm. The angle of the grid shall be 45° - 60°. There shall be a fish outlet in the lower panel of the trawl. The fish outlet shall be the breadth of the sorting grid and shall allow the by-catches to freely exit the trawl.

