

# Circular

Number : 26/12  
Subject : **BIDDING AREAS AND -PROCEDURES RELATED TO AUCTION OF PELAGIC SPECIES FOR CONSUMPTION PURPOSES.**  
To : **Buyers and fishing vessels of pelagic species for consumption purposes**  
Place : **Bergen** Date : **18<sup>th</sup> September 2012**

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## 1. The following bidding areas applies.

### 1. Eastern Area:

Nr	Område		
		35	Rørvik
1	Scheveningen	37	<b>Træna, Værøy, Bodø</b>
2	IJmuiden	38	Værøy
3	Cuxhaven	39	Bodø
4	Rügen, Stettin	41	Svolvær/Hopen, Lødingen, Sigerfjord/Bø
6	Sverige Vest	42	Lødingen
7	Skagen	43	Sigerfjord/Bø
8	Hirtshals	45	Torsken, Senjahopen / Sommarøy, Tromsø
9	Thyborøn	46	Senjahopen/Sommarøy
10	Hanstholm	47	Tromsø
13	Egersund, Sirevåg	58	Honningsvåg
16	Karmsund (Skudesnes, Husøy, Haugesund)	63	Båtsfjord
19	Bergen, Austevoll	67	Vadsø
20	Florø, Måløy	69	Kirkenes/Murmansk
25	Ålesund (Moltu-Harøysund)		
31	Smøla		
32	Kråkvåg		

### 2. Western Area:

Kode	Område
A	Dingle

B	Killybegs
C	Ullapool
D	Aberdeen
E	Peterhead
F	Fraserburgh
I	Lerwick
K	Færøyene
P	Vestmannareyjar
R	Seydisfjordur, Neskaupstadur, Fæskrudfjordur, Eskifjordur
S	Raufarhøfn, Torshøfn, Vopnafjordur
U	Siglafjordur, Akureyri
V	Bolungarvik

In addition, the following guidelines shall apply:

# **I Norwegian spring spawning herring:**

## **1. Catches caught north of 68° 00' N:**

- a) Catches larger than 150 tonnes and less than or equal to 600 tonnes shall minimum have the following bidding area:

Alt 1 Træna – Tromsø (defined as "inner area")  
Alt 2 Svolvær – Honningsvåg (defined as "inner area")

- b) Catches larger than 600 tonnes shall minimum have the following bidding area:

Alt 1 Kråkvåg – Honningsvåg (defined as "outer area")  
Alt 2 Ålesund – Tromsø (defined as "outer area")

## **2. Catches caught between 65° 00' N and 68° 00' N:**

- a) Catches larger than 150 tonnes and less than or equal to 600 tonnes shall minimum have the following bidding area:

Alt 1 Kråkvåg– Vesterålen (inkl. omr. 43) (defined as "inner area")

- b) Catches larger than 600 tonnes shall minimum have the following bidding area:

Alt 1 Florø – Tromsø (defined as "outer area")

**3. Catches caught between 63° 00' N og 65° 00' N:**

- a) Catches larger than 150 tonnes and less than or equal to 600 tonnes shall minimum have the following bidding area:

Alt 1 Ålesund – Træna (defined as "inner area")

- b) Catches larger than 600 tonnes shall minimum have the following bidding area:

Alt 1 Austevoll – Vesterålen (defined as "outer area")

**4. Catches caught south of 63° 00' N :**

- a) Catches larger than 150 tonnes and less than or equal to 600 tonnes shall minimum have the following bidding area:

Alt 1 Florø - Kråkvåg (defined as "inner area")

- b) Catches larger than 600 tonnes shall minimum have the following bidding area:

Alt 1 Egersund - Træna (defined as "outer area")

**5. The following procedures shall apply for catches of 150 tonnes or less:**

As a minimum two of the three areas (37, 41 eller 45) shall be included if sale/delivery takes place in this area. If all of the three areas are included in the bidding area, buyers can be excluded in area 45 and 37. For example the following bidding area can be established; area 39 in the south, area 41 in the centre and 45 in the north.

Due to bad weather conditions Norges Sildesalgslag can deviate from the principles lined out above.

The above mentioned minimum bidding areas can be extended or shifted in northern or southern direction, if the geografic area at least is maintained.

**II Blue Whiting:**

The following bidding areas shall apply for catches caught west of Ireland/Scotland:

1. Catches caught south of 57° 30' N shall minimum include Killybegs - Killybegs (this does not mean that Killybegs shall be included in the bidding area unless the vessel passes Killybegs).
2. Catches caught north of 57° 30' N shall minimum include Ullapool – Killybegs or Ullapool – Lerwick and Peterhead (this presumes that there are buyers in the area)

Ullapool). If a vessel also wants to include Norwegian facilities in the bidding area, both Ullapool and Lerwick - Peterhead shall be included in the bidding area, or alternatively Lerwick – Peterhead if no buyers are in the Ullapool area.

3. Catches caught north of 60° N shall minimum include Lerwick if Norwegian facilities are included in the bidding area.

### **III Bidding areas for catches caught south of 62° N:**

- A. Catches larger than 50 tonnes and less than or equal to 200 tonnes shall minimum have the following bidding area:

- 1 Egersund – Austevoll
- 2 Austevoll – Harøysundet
- 3 Florø – Smøla

- B. Catches larger than 200 tonn shall minimum have the following bidding area:

- 1 Egersund - Harøysundet

In addition the following shall apply:

- a) Catches larger than 200 tonnes and less or equal to 400 tonnes can alternatively to B.1 have Peterhead and/or Lerwick and at least one of the bidding areas under A.
- b) Catches equal to 400 tonnes and larger caught in EU-water shall in addition minimum include Peterhead – Lerwick.
- c) Cathes of North Sea Herring equal to 400 tonnes and larger and caught south of 60° N shall in addition minimum include Skagen.

The above mentioned minimum bidding areas can be extended or shifted in northern or southern direction, if the geografic area at least is maintained. The extension must in addition be real in that respect that new buyers are potential buyers of the current cahches.

### **IV Other guidelines regarding setting of bidding areas:**

Furthermore, the following guidelines shall apply, regarding setting of bidding areas:

- 1) The vessel set bidding area 1 – minimum pursuant to General rules and the abovementioned framework. If the highest bid comes from buyers within bidding area 1, the vessel is obliged to deliver to the buyer with the highest bid within bidding area 1.
- 2) In addition, the vessel on voluntary basis can define a bidding area 2, beyond bidding area 1. Bidding area 2 shall minimum be set pursuant to General Rules and the abovementioned framework. If the highest bid comes from buyers withing bidding area 2, Norges Sildesalgslag will try to contact the vessel. If immidiate contact can not be obtained, the catch will be sold to the buyer with the highest bid within bidding area 1. If

contact is obtained, the vessel must choose between the highest bid within bidding area 2 or the highest bid within bidding area 1. The vessel will only be informed about the highest bid within bidding area 2.

- 3) In cases with auctions where there are only bids from buyers within bidding area 2, the vessel must choose between the highest bid in bidding area 2 or try to be sold at the subsequent auction.
- 4) Buyers who are not included in bidding area 1 or bidding area 2, are not entitled to participate at the auction.

To avoid any auction delays, the vessel will not be contacted unless the value (quantity\*price) of the highest bid within bidding area 2 is minimum NOK 50.000.- higher than the value of the highest bid in bidding area 1.

In general, it is very important that the captain of the vessel or the person who acts on behalf of the vessel answers the telephone and is capable to take a prompt decision regarding the auction.

Kind Regards  
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