

Circular

Number : 28/10
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 : **31st August 2010**

1. The following bidding areas applies.

1. Eastern Area:

Nr	Area	Nr	Area
1	Scheveningen	41	Svolvær/Hopen, Lødingen, Sigerfjord/Bø
2	Ijmuiden	42	Lødingen
3	Cuxhaven	43	Sigerfjord/Bø
4	Rugen, Stettin	44	
5		45	Torsken, Senjahopen / Sommarøy, Tromsø
6	Sweden West	46	Senjahopen/Sommarøy
7	Skagen	47	Tromsø
8	Hirtshals	48	
9	Thyborøn	49	
10	Hanstholm	50	
11		51	
12		52	
13	Egersund, Sirevåg	53	
14		54	
15		55	
16	Karmsund (Skudesnes, Husøy, Haugesund)	56	
17		57	
18		58	Honningsvåg
19	Bergen, Austevoll	59	
20	Florø, Måløy	60	
21		61	
22		62	
23		63	Båtsfjord
24		64	

25	Ålesund (Moltu-Harøysund)	65	
26		66	
27		67	Vadsø
28		68	
29		69	Kirkenes/Murmansk
30			
31	Smøla		
32	Kråkvåg		
33			
34			
35	Rørvik		
36			
37	Træna, Værøy, Bodø		
38	Værøy		
39	Bodø		
40			

2. Western Area:

Code	Area	Code	Area
A		O	
B	Killybegs	P	Vestmannareyjar
C		Q	
D	Aberdeen	R	Seydisfjordur, Neskaupstadur, Fæskrudfjordur, Eskifjordur
E	Peterhead	S	Raufarhøfn, Torshøfn, Vopnafjordur
F	Fraserburgh	T	
G		U	Siglafjordur, Akureyri
H		V	Bolungarvik
I	Lerwick	W	
J		X	
K	Torshavn		
L			
M	Fuglafjordir		

In addition, the following guidelines shall apply:

I Norwegian spring spawning herring:

1. Catches caught north of 68° 00' N:

- Catches larger than 150 tonnes and less than or equal to 400 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 400 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 400 tonnes shall minimum have the following bidding area:

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

b) Catches larger than 400 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 400 tonnes shall minimum have the following bidding area:

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

b) Catches larger than 400 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 400 tonnes shall minimum have the following bidding area:

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

b) Catches larger than 400 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 south, area 41 in centre and 45 in 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 buyers in the area Ullapool). If a vessel also want 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 General guidelines:

- A. The following bidding areas shall apply when reporting catches from EU-water south of 62°N and if catches reported is larger than 200 ton nes and caught in Norwegian Economic Zone (NEZ) south of 62°N:
 - 1 Egersund – Bergen
 - 2 Bergen – Harøysundet
 - 3 Karmøy – Måløy
- B. The following bidding area shall apply when reporting catches intended for landing in Scotland/Shetland Islands:
 - 1 Peterhead - Lerwick
- C. If a vessel want to include both Eastern Area and Western Area, in the bidding area, minimum one of the bidding area, cf. paragraf A and minimum the bidding area Peterhead or the bidding area Lerwick, cf. paragraf B, shall be included.

Furthermore, the following guidelines shall apply as from 1st of September 2010, 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 within bidding area 2, Norges Siltesalgslag will try to contact the vessel. If immediate 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 act on behalf of the vessel answer the telephone and not at least is capable to take a prompt decision regarding the auction.

Kind Regards
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