

### **Principal agreements achieved in the framework of the Joint Russian- Norwegian Fisheries Commission over 2008-2011**

The Joint Russian-Norwegian Fisheries Commission (JNRFC) has over the past years achieved significant results on critical issues related to management of marine biological resources and fishery control in the Barents and Norwegian seas.

The most significant of these achievements include the following:

- Agreement on specified harvest control rule of the cod stock management and confirmation of harvest control rule of haddock and capelin, in accordance with the precautionary approach principle in line with assessment of ICES.
- Opening for fishery on Greenland halibut from 2010.
- Development and signing of the Methodology of the complex analysis of the satellite tracking data and information regarding transportation and unloading of fish products from cod and haddock in ports (Methodology). The results of the cod and haddock fishing (catching) analysis, which was conducted using this Methodology, detected no illegal fishing in 2009-2010 in the Barents and Norwegian seas.
- Adoption of a Russian-Norwegian temporary simplified procedure for issuing licenses for vessels fishing in each other's zones.
- Achievement of the agreement on major joint technical measures regulating fishery of shared stocks in the Barents and Norwegian seas:
  - measures of regulation of cod and haddock fisheries;
  - measures of regulation of Greenland halibut fisheries;
  - mutual criteria of opening and closing of fishing grounds.
- Achievement of the agreements on the considerable amount of joint conversion factors on fish products.
- Strengthening of the scientific co-operation between Norwegian and Russian marine research institutions, allowing mutual access for research vessels to each other economic zones.

- Agreement of the Protocol between the Government of the Russian Federation and the Government of the Kingdom of Norway in the framework of the Agreement between the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the Government of the Kingdom of Norway concerning cooperation in the field of fisheries for the purposes of scientific researches, defining the procedure of catching and use of aquatic biological resources during scientific research implementation.
- Generation of the information site of the Joint Russian-Norwegian Fisheries Commission [www.joinfish.com](http://www.joinfish.com).

The accomplished work has resulted in a biologically sustainable condition of the shared stocks in the Barents and Norwegian seas under joint management of the Joint Russian-Norwegian Fisheries Commission. Successful joint efforts against IUU fishing and commitment to the precautionary approach to fisheries management have increased the livelihood of future sustainable fisheries to the benefit of Russian and Norwegian coastal economies.

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