



Mixed-Stock Fisheries (Tabled by Norway)

In several fjord- and coastal regions, mixed-stock fisheries have not been permitted for many years due to low management target attainment. As a result of major revision of regulatory measures conducted in 2021 (IP Action F3), mixed stock fisheries are closed in 31 out of 49 regions, due to high probability of overexploitation of one or more stocks. With exception of Finnmark, mixed stock fisheries are closed in all coastal regions.

In the general, only bag nets and rod and line are allowed, but in fjord- and coastal regions in Finnmark, bend nets were also permitted. In addition to restrictions on fishing gear, the only regulatory measures are length of fishing season and the number of fishing days per week.

In 2021, 431 fishermen participated in mixed-stock fisheries in fjord- and coastal regions. This is less than half (55 percent decrease) compared to 2020. Over all 522 bag nets and 212 bend nets were used. The total catch was 98 tonnes, 55 percent decrease from 2020. Mixed-stock fisheries are most extensive in Troms and Finnmark County, representing 66 percent of the fishermen, 73 percent of total gear and 58 percent of the total catches. In-season measures in mixed stock fisheries were considered necessary in the Namsenfjord region in 2021.