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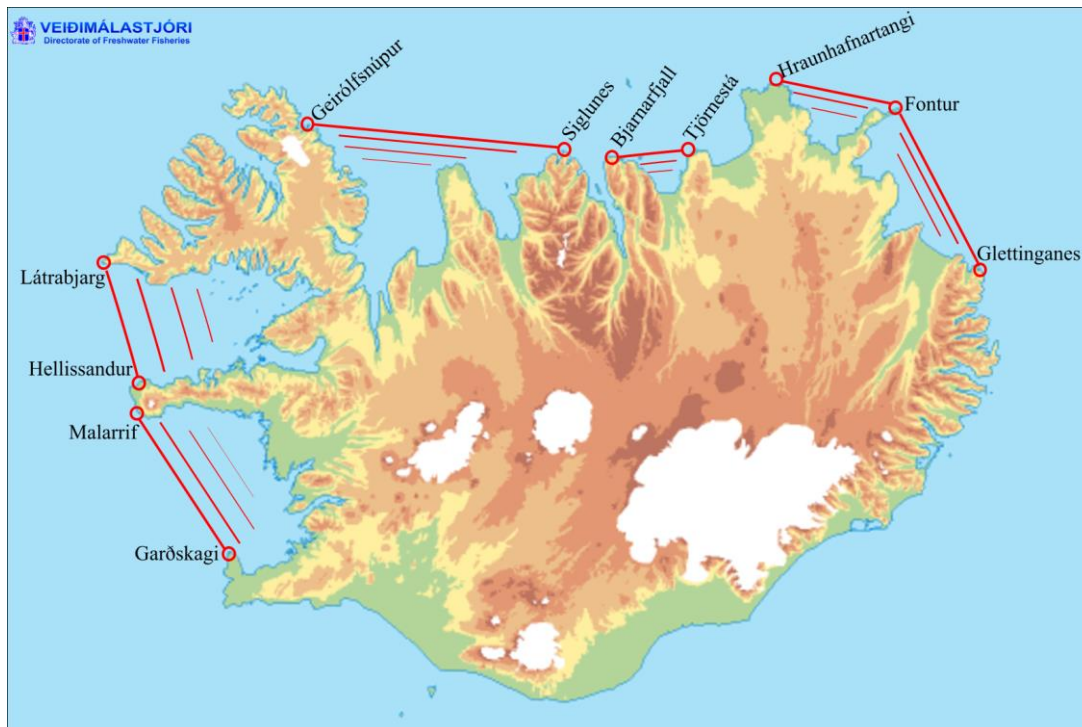
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In May of 2004 the Ministry of Agriculture in Reykjavík issued a regulatory measure (nr. 460/2004) prohibiting the rearing of salmonids of reared origin in sea-cages in fjords and bays close to major salmon rivers. This ban, which is set in the light of the Precautionary Approach, replaces a regulation set in 2001 (nr. 226/2001), which prohibited rearing of fertile salmon in these same areas.

The map below designates the protection areas and an English translation of the regulations is attached in Annex 1.

With this regulation in force no farming of salmonids (fam. Salmonidae), i.e. salmon, brown trout, char or rainbow trout or related species can be carried out in sea-cages in the designated areas.

The setting of this regulation limits farming of salmonids in sea-cages in Iceland to limited north coast areas in addition to the Western and Eastern fjords.



Coastal protection areas where farming of salmonids (fam. Salmonidae) in sea-cages is prohibited.

Notification

on protection areas, where rearing of salmonids
(fam. salmonidae) in sea-cages is prohibited

Article 1

In order to protect wild salmon stocks it is prohibited to rear salmonid species of reared origin in sea-cages in the following areas along the Icelandic coast:

1. In Faxaflói inside a line drawn from Garðskagi to Malarrif on Snæfellsnes.
2. In Breiðafjörður inside a line drawn from Hellissandur to Látrabjarg.
3. In Húnaflói and Skagafjörður inside a line drawn from Geirólfsgrúpur to Siglunes.
4. In Skjálfaflói inside a line drawn from Bjarnarfjall to Tjörnestá.
5. In northeastern Iceland inside a line drawn from Hraunhafnartangi to Fontur on Langanes and from Fontur to Glettinganes.

Article 2

This notification, which enters immediately into force, is set according to an authorization in article 77 in the Salmonid Fisheries Act nr. 76/1970 with subsequent amendments. It replaces notification nr. 226/2001 on protection areas where the rearing of fertile salmon (*Salmo salar*) in sea-cages is prohibited.

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