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Resolution from the annual meeting in Fiskebåt Sør



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The annual meeting of Fiskebåt Sør, made these decisions at its annual meeting in Haugesund on Tuesday 5 December.

ITEM 3 Framework conditions for the fishing fleet

"The annual meeting of Fiskebåt Sør takes note of the statement from Nina Rasmussen and Christian Strand Halstensen.

The Government has notified the Storting that the white paper on quota 2.0 may be published in the course of December. The annual meeting of Fiskebåt Sør is clear that the quota distribution between coast and sea must remain fixed. The distribution between coast and sea is a reflection of history, but where the ocean-going fleet has had to give up resource shares in order to achieve stability. Stability in the distribution of quotas is crucial if the fishing fleet is to continue to be able to contribute to great activity along the entire coast. Not only will a redistribution of resources affect the shipping companies, but also all the fishermen who work on board the deep-sea fishing fleet. The players in the fishing industry,

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large and small, must be able to trust that political framework conditions remain stable and predictable, otherwise necessary investments that ensure positive development in the maritime industries will be put on hold. There has been broad political agreement on quota stability over several decades. This has been important so that the industry itself has been able to bear the cost of adapting capacity to the resource base at all times. A return of structural quotas to the respective vessel groups has been a prerequisite for making the necessary structural adjustments. Uncertainty about the recurrence of the structural quotas is helping to prevent a continued positive development in the fishing industry. The annual meeting of Fiskebåt Sør is clear that legitimate expectations of a recurrence of the structural quota gain to the respective vessel groups must be met.

With the prospect of declining quotas for important commercial fish stocks, a lack of agreement with other coastal states on the distribution of shares of important fish stocks, reduced zone access in other countries' waters, rising costs, greater competition for sea areas and increasingly stringent requirements to reduce climate and environmental impact, the challenges are lining up for the Norwegian fishing fleet in the future. If the fishing industry is to meet its environmental

requirements, significant investments are required. Political uncertainty is not compatible with the challenges facing the industry. An environmentally friendly Norwegian fishing fleet helps to ensure that more than 42 million meals of Norwegian seafood are eaten every day. In 2022, 1.6 million tonnes of seafood from fisheries were exported to a value of NOK 40.1 billion. So far in 2023, wild fish have been exported for NOK 35.8 billion, compared with NOK 33.4 billion at the same time last year. The seafood industry is definitely helping to keep our coast alive.

Wild fish is climate-friendly protein. It is therefore important that Norway pursues a fisheries and climate policy that ensures that Norwegian sustainable fishing quotas become fish, but it is important that Norway harmonises climate taxes with those countries with which it is natural to compare ourselves. In order for us to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals, food from the sea will play an increasingly important role in the future. The fishing fleet's social mission is and will be to bring fish resources ashore in the most environmentally friendly way possible. The fish that is brought ashore must be of good quality in order to facilitate further value creation throughout the value chain. A redistribution from sea to coast will increase seasonal peaks, and thereby

reduce value creation and the basis for year-round jobs in the onshore industry.

The annual meeting has clear expectations that the consideration of a new quota white paper this time will result in a broad political consensus in the Storting, and that the prerequisites in the structural policy will be met. The industry deserves this. The industry needs a future-oriented quota system that will be efficient, flexible, provide legitimacy and that can meet the green shift. “

CASE 4

Data capture and data sharing: challenges, experiences and proposed solution(s)

"Fiskebåt Sør takes note of the introductions to Ståle Walderhaug from SINTEF. "

ITEM 5

Challenges in the pelagic sector

"Fiskebåt Sør takes note of the introductions by Aril Slotte and Leif Nøttestad at the Institute of Marine Research, Kim Josefin Niklasdotter Scherrer at the University of Bergen and Leif Kjetil Skjæveland at Skretting.