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To whom it may concern

Notification of Real Time Closure for Northern prawn fisheries in the Danish part of Skagerrak

Please be informed that the Danish Fisheries Agency by inspection of a fishing vessel in accordance with Commission Regulation (EC) no 2019/2201 of 1 October 2019, have revealed that the amount of juvenile fish in the catches is found to be too high.

Due to this information, it has been decided to close an area for the period from the 20 of April to the 04 of May 2022.

Straight lines between the following positions limit the closed area:

- 1) 58° 08'0 N 009° 55'4 Ø
- 2) 58° 11'0 N 010° 06'3 Ø
- 3) 58° 12'2 N 010° 15'5 Ø
- 4) 58° 10'4 N 010° 22'8 Ø
- 5) 58° 08'1 N 010° 08'7 Ø
- 6) 58° 05'2 N 009° 59'1 Ø

The area is closed for fishery except for the following gears:

- demersal trawls within a mesh size of at least 32 mm targeting Northern prawn (*Pandalus borealis*) which are equipped with a Nordmøre sorting grid with a maximum bar spacing of 19mm without a fish retention device;
- demersal trawls with a mesh size greater than 70mm targeting Norway lobster (*Nephrops norvegicus*) equipped with a Nordmøre grid with a maximum bar spacing of 35mm without a fish retention device.

Vessel wishing to use that exemption shall notify their intention and gear use to the Danish Fisheries Monitoring Center one hour before entering the closed area at phone +457218 5609 or by mail at fmc@fiskeristyrelsen.dk

Best Regards,

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