

**Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food  
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**ALLOCATION OF IRISH COD QUOTA IN NORWEGIAN WATERS**

The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food invites applications from the owners of Irish registered fishing vessels who wish to fish the 2011 cod quota that is expected to be allocated to Ireland in Norwegian waters under the European Economic Area (EEA) Agreement. The relevant Irish quota is not yet known; in 2010 it amounted to 308 tonnes.

Interested vessel owners should contact Ms. Catherine Cronin, Seafood Policy & Development Division, Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, Clogheen, Clonakilty, Co Cork (e-mail: [Catherine.Cronin@agriculture.gov.ie](mailto:Catherine.Cronin@agriculture.gov.ie) for application forms. A non-refundable handling charge of €317 will be required with each completed application. Applicants who engaged in this fishery in 2007, 2008, 2009 or 2010 will not be required to pay the handling charge.

Strict criteria in relation to vessel type, size and suitability to operate in Norwegian waters will again be applied in the consideration of the applications. In particular, it will be necessary for vessels to have a recognised classification from a member of the IACS (International Association of Classification Societies) in order to be approved to participate in the fishery. Vessels will also be required to have the appropriate certification acceptable to the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. Vessels fishing in Norwegian waters will have to comply with the control requirements applied by Norway in its economic zone.

Applicants are advised that the closing date for receipt of completed applications is 5 p.m. on Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> November 2010.