

# NORSK-ÍSLENSK VORGOTSSÍLD

## NORWEGIAN SPRING-SPAWNING HERRING

### *Clupea harengus*

#### RÁÐGJÖF – ADVICE

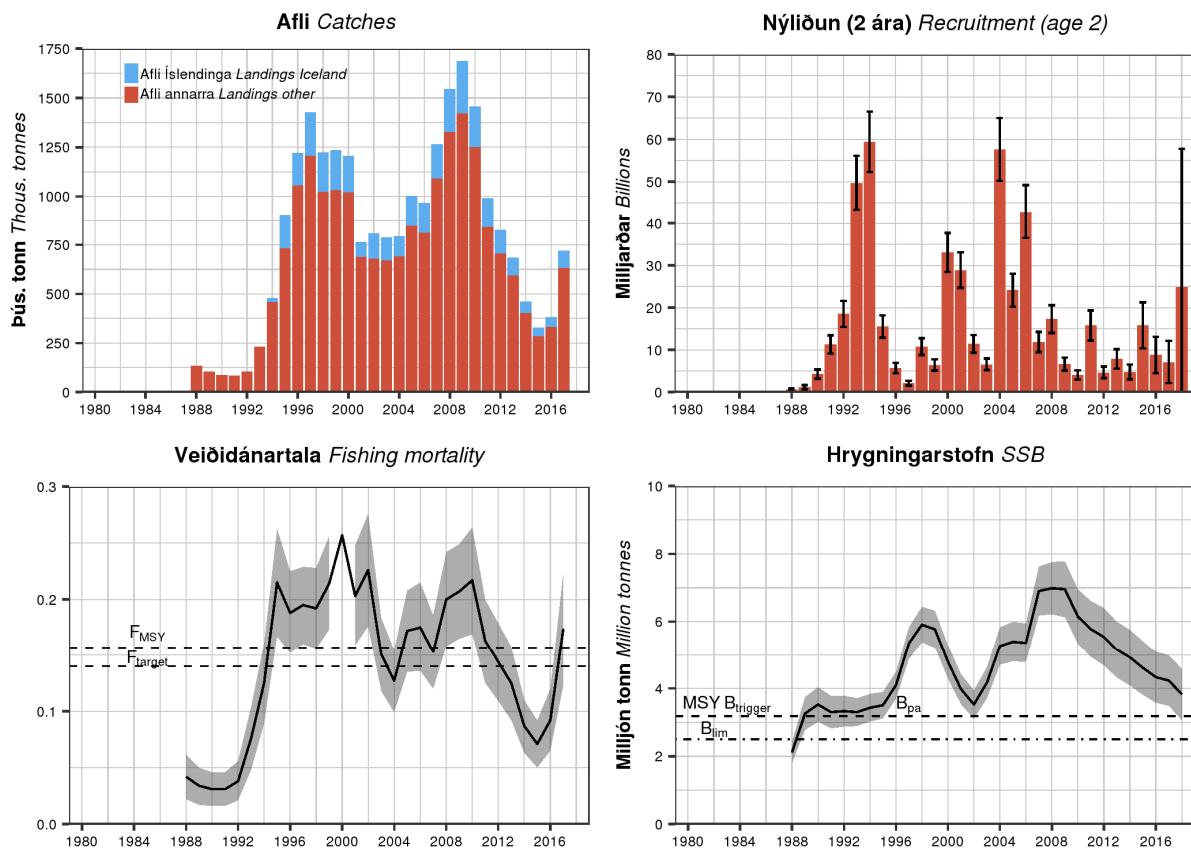
Alþjóðahafrannsóknaráðið (ICES) ráðleggur í samræmi við samþykkta aflareglu strandríkja að afli ársins 2019 verði ekki meiri en 588 562 tonn.

*ICES advises that when the long-term management strategy agreed by the European Union, the Faroe Islands, Iceland, Norway, and Russia is applied, catches in 2019 should be no more than 588 562 tonnes.*

#### STOFNÞRÓUN – STOCK DEVELOPMENT

Fiskveiðdauði hefur farið hækkandi síðan 2015 og var yfir  $F_{MSY}$  árið 2017. Hrygningarstofninn hefur farið minnkandi en er metinn undir aðgerðarmörkum ( $MSY B_{trigger}$ ) árið 2018. Stofninn hefur getið af sér fjóra stóra árganga síðan 1998 (árgangar 1998, 1999, 2002 og 2004). Árgangar frá 2005–2015 voru undir meðalstærð eða litlir. Árgangurinn frá 2016 er hinsvegar metinn yfir meðalstærð.

*Fishing mortality has been increasing since 2015 and is above  $F_{MSY}$  in 2017. The stock is declining but estimated to be above MSY  $B_{trigger}$  in 2018. Since 1998 four large year classes have been produced (1998, 1999, 2002, and 2004). The 2005–2015 year classes are estimated to be average or small. The 2016 year class, however, is estimated to be above average.*



**Norsk-íslensk vorgotssíld.** Afli, nýliðun 2 ára, veiðidánartala og hrygningarstofn. Stofnmat keyrt frá 1988, eftir að stofn tók að stækka aftur eftir hrun á sjöunda áratug síðustu aldar.

**Norwegian spring-spawning herring.** Catches, recruitment at age 2, fishing mortality and spawning stock biomass (SSB). Assessment run starts in 1988, when the stock has started to rebuild after collapse in the 1960s.

## STOFNMAT OG VIÐMIÐUNARMÖRK – BASIS OF ASSESSMENT AND REFERENCE POINTS

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|---|---|
| Forsendur ráðgjafar<br><i>Basis of the advice</i> | Aflaregl<br><i>Management plan</i>  |
| Aflaregl<br><i>Management plan</i>                | Langtímaaflaregl sem var samþykkt árið 2018 (Anon. 2018).<br><i>A long-term management plan agreed in 2018 (Anon. 2018).</i>  |
| Stofnmat<br><i>Assessment type</i>                | Tölfræðilegt stofnmatslíkan (XSAM; ICES 2018a; 2018b) sem notar aflagögn í stofnmati og framrekningum ásamt óvissumati á afla og fjöldavísítolum.<br><i>Statistical assessment model (XSAM; ICES 2018a; 2018b) that uses catches in the model and in the forecast, and includes error structures in catches and abundance indices.</i>  |
| Inntaksgögn<br><i>Input data</i>                  | Fjöldi eftir aldri úr afla (meðalþyngdir í stofni eftir aldri frá leiðöngrum, en aflagönum frá 2009).<br>Aldursvístörlur frá þremur leiðöngrum: Norska bergmálsleiðangrinum á hrygningarslóð í feb./mars (1994–2005, 2015–2018); Alþjóðlega vistfræðileiðangrinum í Austurdjúp í maí sem nær yfir fullorðna hluta stofnsins í Noregshafi (1996–2018) og tveggja ára síld í Barentshafi (1991–2018). Stofnstærðarháð mat á kynþroskahlutfalli eftir aldri. Fastur náttúrulegur dauði ákvarðaður frá eldri gögnum (settur 0.9 fyrir tveggja ára og 0.15 fyrir eldri en tveggja ára).<br><i>Commercial catches-at-age (stock weight-at-age from surveys and since 2009 from catch sampling). Three survey indices: Norwegian acoustic survey on spawning grounds in February/March (NASF, 1994–2005, 2015–2018); International Ecosystem Survey in the Nordic Seas (IESNS) covering the adult stock in the Nordic seas (1996–2018) and number at age 2 in the Barents Sea (IESNS; 1991–2018). Maturity ogive variable by year-class strength. Natural mortalities are fixed values from historical analyses (age 2 = 0.9, ages greater than 3 = 0.15).</i> |

| Nálgun<br><i>Framework</i>                     | Viðmiðunarmörk<br><i>Reference point</i> | Gildi<br><i>Value</i> | Grundvöllur<br><i>Basis</i>  |
|--|--|-----------------------|--|
| MSY nálgun<br><i>MSY approach</i>              | $B_{trigger}$                            | 3 184 000 t           | $B_{pa}$   |
|  | $F_{MSY}$                                | 0.157                 | Byggt á hermunum. <i>Stochastic simulation (ICES 2018d)</i>                                    |
| Varúðarnálgun<br><i>Precautionary approach</i> | $B_{lim}$                                | 2 500 000 t           | Ásættanleg lágmarksstærð hrygningarstofns<br><i>Minimum biological acceptable level (MBAL)</i> |
|  | $B_{pa}$                                 | 3 184 000 t           | $B_{lim} \times \exp(0.147 \times 1.645)$ (ICES 2018c)   |
|  | $F_{pa}$                                 | 0.227                 | Byggt á hermunum. <i>Based on medium-term simulations</i>                                      |
|  | $F_{target}$                             | 0.140                 | Samþykkt aflaregl. <i>Agreed management plan</i>   |

## HORFUR – PROSPECTS

Stofnmatið sýnir lítilsháttar aukningu í stofnstærð verði aflareglu fylgt árið 2019.

*The assessment indicates a minor increase in SSB if the management plan will be followed in 2019.*

**Norsk-íslensk síld.** Áætluð þróun stærðar hrygningarstofns (tonn) miðað við veiðar samkvæmt aflareglu.

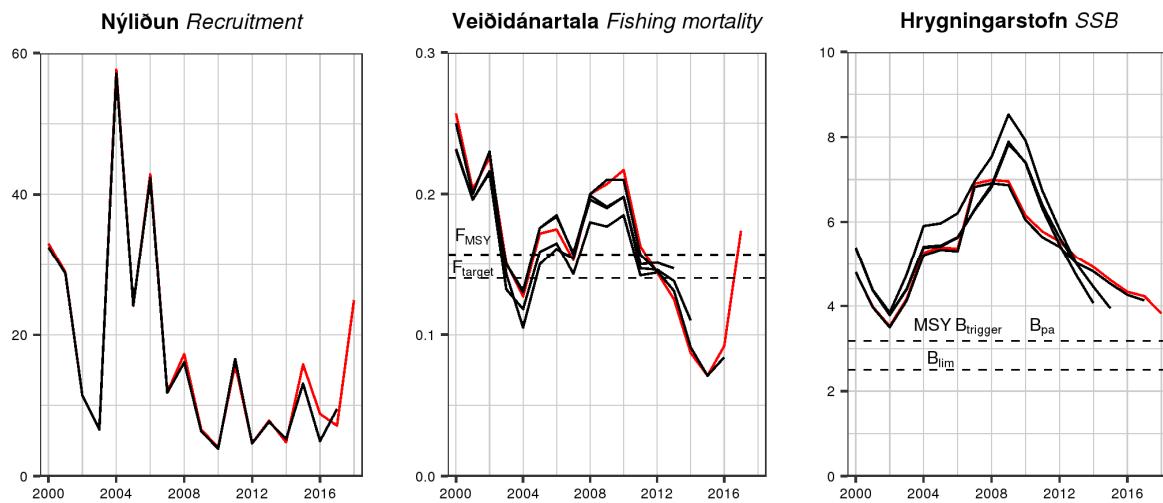
**Norwegian spring-spawning herring.** Projection of SSB (tonnes) based on adopted harvest control rule.

| 2018                                      |       | 2019   |                                |      | 2020                          |
|---|-------|--|--------------------------------|------|-------------------------------|
| Áætlaður aflí<br><i>Estimated catches</i> | F     | Aflamark skv. aflareglu<br><i>TAC based on management plan</i> | Hrygningar stofn<br><i>SSB</i> | F    | Hrygningarstofn<br><i>SSB</i> |
| 546 448                                   | 0.125 | 588 562  | 3 859 000                      | 0.14 | 4 016 687                     |

## GÆÐI STOFNMATS – QUALITY OF THE ASSESSMENT

Niðurstöður stofnmatsins í ár eru sambærilegar við mat síðasta árs.

*The perception of the stock is consistent with last year's assessment.*



**Norsk-íslensk vorgotssíld.** Samanburður á stofnmati áranna 2013–2018 (rauð lína: 2018). Fram til 2015 miðaðist nýliðun frá stofnmati við fjölða 0 ára í stað 2 ára og þeim árum er því sleppt hér.

**Norwegian spring-spawning herring.** Current assessment (red line) compared with previous estimates (2013–2017). Recruitment estimates from assessments conducted before 2016 are not shown as they refer to age 0 instead of age 2.

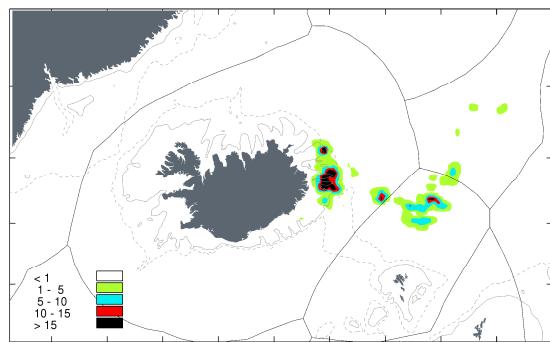
## VEIÐAR ÍSLENDINGA – THE ICELANDIC FISHERY

Aflí íslenskra skipa úr norsk-íslenska síldarstofnинum árið 2017 var 90 400 tonn og var allur veiddur í flotvörpu. Rúmlega 62% aflans fékkst innan íslenskrar lögsögu, um 32% í færeyeskri lögsögu og um 6% á alþjóðahafsvæði. Veiðar úr stofninum fóru fram frá ágúst til nóvember. Mest veiddist í október (59%) og í september (18%). Þungamiðja veiðanna hefur því verið seinna á árinu undanfarin ár. Heildaraflí allra þjóða úr stofninum árið 2017 var 721 566 tonn.

*Icelandic landings of Norwegian spring-spawning herring in 2017 were 90 400 tonnes, all caught with pelagic trawl.*

*About 62% of the catches were taken within the Icelandic*

*EEZ, around 32% within the Faroese EEZ, and around 6% in international waters. The main fishery took place in August to November. Majority of the catches were taken in October (59%) and September (18%). Thus, the fishery is taken place later in the season every year. The total catch of all nations in 2017 was 721 566 tonnes.*



**Norsk-íslensk síld.** Veiðisvæði íslenskra skipa árið 2017 ( $t/sjm^2$ )

**NSS herring.** Fishing grounds of the Icelandic fleet in 2017 ( $t/nmi^2$ )

## AÐRAR UPPLÝSINGAR – OTHER INFORMATION

Ekki er í gildi samkomulag milli þeirra þjóða sem stunda veiðar úr norsk-íslenska síldarstofninum um skiptingu aflahlutdeilda og hver þjóð hefur því sett sér aflamark. Afleiðingarnar eru að frá árinu 2013 hafa veiðar umfram ráðgjöf ICES numið 10–21% á ári. Samhliða hefur stofninn farið minnkandi vegna lélegrar nýliðunar frá árinu 2005.

Ráðgjöfin fyrir árið 2019 byggir á nýrri aflareglu (Anon. 2018). Jafnframt hafa viðmiðunarmörk verið endurmetin þar sem t.d. aðgerðarmörk (MSY  $B_{trigger}$ ) lækkaðu frá 5 milljón tonn niður í 3,184 milljón tonn.

*Since 2013, a lack of agreement by the coastal states on their share in the TAC has led to unilaterally set quotas, which together are 10–21% higher than the TAC indicated by the management plan. Simultaneously, the stock size has declined because of relatively poor recruitment since 2005.*

*The advised catch for 2019 is based on a new management rule (Anon. 2018). In addition, biological reference points have been revised where for example MSY  $B_{trigger}$  changed from 5 million tonnes to 3.184 million tonnes.*

## RÁÐGJÖF, AFLAMARK OG AFLI – ADVICE, TAC AND CATCH

Norsk-íslensk síld. Tillögur um hámarksafla, aflamark samkvæmt ákvörðun stjórnválda og afli (tonn).

**Norwegian spring-spawning herring.** Recommended TAC, national TAC and catches (tonnes).

| Ár<br>Year | Tillaga ICES<br>Rec. TAC ICES | Aflamark Ísland<br>Iceland national TAC | Afli Íslendinga<br>Catches Iceland | Aflamark allra þjóða<br>Total national TAC | Afli alls<br>Total catch |
|------------|-------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|--|--------------------------|
| 2011       | 988 000–1 170 000             | 145 000                                 | 151 074                            | 988 000                                    | 992 997                  |
| 2012       | 833 000                       | 121 000                                 | 120 956                            | 833 000                                    | 826 000                  |
| 2013       | 619 000                       | 90 000                                  | 90 729                             | 692 000*                                   | 684 743                  |
| 2014       | 418 487                       | 61 000                                  | 58 828                             | 436 893*                                   | 461 306                  |
| 2015       | 283 013                       | 41 000                                  | 42 626                             | 328 206*                                   | 328 740                  |
| 2016       | ≤ 316 876                     | 46 000                                  | 50 186                             | 376 612*                                   | 383 174                  |
| 2017       | ≤ 437 364**                   | 103 000                                 | 90 400                             | 805 142*                                   | 721 566                  |
| 2018       | ≤ 384 197                     | 72 428                                  |                                    | 546 448*                                   |                          |
| 2019       | ≤ 588 562                     |   |                                    |  |                          |

\* Ekkert samkomulag um heildaraflamark; því er sýnd summan af aflamarki allra þjóða – *There was no agreement on the TAC; the number is the sum of autonomous quotas from the individual states.*

\*\* Fyrri ráðgjöf upp á 646 075 þús. tonn var endurskoðuð í nóvember 2017 eftir að villa í stofnmati uppgötvaðist. – *The advice was revised in November 2017 from 646 075 tonnes after an error in the assessment was noted.*

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