



Workshop on longlining Reykjavik – October 2010

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Background information

- National organisation of 70+ of fishermen and hunters' associations
- Established in 1953
- Negotiates prices with producers and export companies on behalf of the members for fish, shellfish and sealskins and other species for subsistence use.
- Negotiates and lobbies to improve conditions for its members with the government and members of the Parliament
- Appoints members to committees and other institutions – national, regional and international bodies f.i. JCNB, IWC, NAMMCO, NASCO etc.



Participation

- Director Alfred ER Jakobsen
- Technical consultant for fishermen, Jens Kielsen
- Fisherman Niels Nielsen
- Executive secretary for Royal Greenland Robert Møller



Longlining in Greenland

- Longlining is used for following species:
- Greenland halibut (TAC appr. 20.000 tonnes per year).
- Cod (8.500 tonnes – mostly by bundgarn – nets)
- Catfish (annual amounts?)
- Halibut (flynder)



Greenland halibut

- 6 months a year: longlining.
- Rest of the year: gill nets in designated areas.
- Fishing is done mostly by using small open boats.
- These boats use mostly longlines with 0.8 – 3.5 mm lines. Hauling line used is mostly 1.0 mm – 3 mm.
- Less than 15 fishing vessels are equipped with modern autoline systems, mustad, beitir, soelyst, fiskevegn.
- In northern areas with solid ice during the winters – longline is used by using a homemade "sliding wing" – 1x0.5 meter.
- Baits used for fishing Greenland halibut is: Sauri, squid and to some degree capelin and polar cod.
- Polar cod is most preferable – baiting is manual.



Challenges ahead

- Project idea:
- Use polar cod as baite in future.
- Goal: Fisherman and autoline developer and/or a baiting system developer carry out a project in 2011 funded by ?.
- Benefit: High catch rates – lower costs etc.



Experience with polar cod

- Mr. Niels Nielsen is here – he can tell you more about his experience in using polar cod as baite.
- But: Baiting has to be done manually – very time consuming
- Challenge: Develop baiting system enabling to use polar cod. New product?

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