Northern prawn

**SCIENTIFIC NAME**
Pandalus borealis

**COMMON NAMES**
cold water prawn, deep-sea prawn, deepwater prawn, northern shrimp, pink shrimp

**STOCK IDENTIFICATION**
The single stock is exploited in the Barents Sea and in the Svalbard fishery protection zone (SFPZ) by the Norwegian and Russian fleet; other vessels (Greenland, Iceland and EU) are restricted to the SFPZ and “Loop Hole” (NAFO/ICES, 2011).

**RELATED LINKS:**
- Russian Federal Fisheries Agency (FFA)
- International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES)
- Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization (NAFO)

**ASSESSMENT**

**Strengths**
Discarding is thought to be minimal, as the fishery is not catch regulated but presents bycatch restrictions as sorting grids and closures areas. Current biomass is well above B_{msy} and fishing mortality is well below F_{msy}.

**Weaknesses**
No management objectives have been established. Prey-predator relationships, important to stock dynamics, are poorly known.

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**FIPS**
No related FIPs

**MSC**
No related MSC fisheries

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

**FISHERIES & SUPPLY CHAIN**

- Start a fishery improvement project (FIP) to evaluate and address sustainability issues in this fishery. For advice on starting a FIP, see SFP’s Seafood Industry Guide to FIPs and other resources at [https://www.sustainablefish.org/Programs/Professional-Guidance/FIP-Resources](https://www.sustainablefish.org/Programs/Professional-Guidance/FIP-Resources).