**Northern prawn**  
_in Barents Sea_

### IDENTIFICATION

**Scientific Name:**  
Pandalus borealis

**Species Names:**  
Northern prawn, northern shrimp

**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).

### 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.

### SCORES

**Management Quality:**

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**Stock Health:**

- Current Health: 10
- Future Health: 10

**FIPS:**  
No related FIPS

**MSC:**

- Faroe Islands North East Arctic cold water prawn: MSC Recertified

### RECOMMENDATIONS

**Retailers & Supply Chain:**

- Monitor the progress in closing out conditions placed upon the MSC certification of the fishery and if agreed timelines are met, offer assistance in closing conditions where possible.