

# Distant fishing scorecard: **FAIL**

## Current status of distant waters negotiations for 2021

### Report: **Still no distant waters fishing for UK fleet**



Distant fishing ground:	Norway	Svalbard	Faroes	Greenland	Iceland
UK Gov't Score:					
Status:					
<b>Last year 2020</b>	<p><b>UK fished these waters last year</b> Norway granted the EU rights to fish for Arctic Cod. EU passed most of those quotas to UK. In return Norway accessed EU markets (inc UK) to sell its <b>main seafood exports – cod and salmon to the UK for zero tariff</b></p>	<p><b>UK fished these waters last year</b> UK share was set by EU – despite UK being an independent party in the Svalbard Treaty of Paris. Both the EU and Norway proposed quota levels for the UK for 2021, but <b>the UK has yet to respond.</b></p>	<p><b>UK fished these waters last year</b> Faroese granted the EU rights to fish in Faroese waters. EU passed some of those rights to UK. Faroes accessed EU market (inc UK) to sell its <b>main exports – whitefish to the UK for zero tariff.</b></p>	<p><b>UK fished these waters last year</b> Greenland granted the EU rights to fish in Greenland waters. EU passed some of those rights to UK. In return Greenland can access EU market (inc UK) to sell its <b>main exports – prawns to UK for zero tariff.</b></p>	<p><b>UK last fished these waters in 2008</b> Iceland grants no rights to UK to fish in its waters. The UK last fished there in 2008 but not in any substantial way since the Cod Wars. Iceland accesses EU market (inc UK) to sell its <b>main exports – cod to UK for zero tariff</b></p>
<b>Now 2021</b>	No arrangements in place for UK to fish for Arctic cod in 2021.	UK can set own quota to fish in 2021. UK has yet to set its own quota or issue licences.	No arrangements in place for UK to continue to fish in 2021.	No arrangements in place for UK to continue to fish in 2021. No UK plans to negotiate this.	No arrangements. No ability for UK to fish in 2021. No plans in place to open discussions
<b>What's required</b>	UK government must agree continued UK fishing for Arctic Cod in bilateral deals with Norway. Norway wants zero tariff access to UK to sell fish. <b>Needs urgent negotiations.</b>	UK government must <b>set quota and issue licences immediately.</b>	UK government must agree continued UK fishing in bilateral deals with Faroes. <b>Negotiations have started.</b>	UK government must agree continued UK fishing in bilateral deals with Greenland. <b>Open negotiations now.</b>	UK government must agree new UK fishing in bilateral deals with Iceland. <b>Open negotiations now.</b>
<b>When</b>	<b>Now.</b> Defra has made a fisheries framework agreement, but <b>it makes no reference to UK's Arctic Cod quotas. UK will meet EU and Norway in dialogue on 11/12 Jan. Will Arctic cod be discussed?</b>	<b>Now.</b> The UK has latitude to make its own plans (in cooperation with others such as EU, Russia, Norway and Japan) <b>but has not done so.</b>	<b>Now.</b> Defra has fisheries framework agreement with Faroes, but it <b>makes no detailed reference to UK fishing quotas.</b>	<b>Now.</b> Greenland FM has said that he is willing to give continued UK fishing access in return for trade. But the <b>new Fisheries MOU grants no access.</b>	<b>Now.</b> There is on-going FTA negotiation with Iceland. New Fisheries MOU makes <b>no reference to fisheries access or negotiations.</b>