

**СОСТОЯНИЕ ЗАПАСА ИСЛАНДСКОГО ГРЕБЕШКА В РАЙОНЕ СВАЛЬБАРДА – 20 ЛЕТ
СПУСТЯ ПЕРИОДА ИНТЕНСИВНОЙ ЭКСПЛУАТАЦИИ В 1980-х**

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**ICELAND SCALLOP STOCKS IN THE SVALBARD AREA – 20 YEARS AFTER THE HEAVY
FISHING BOOM IN THE 1980s**

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In total, 29 large vessels participated in the dredging for Iceland scallops in the Svalbard area in the late 1980s. Highest landings of scallop meat were 4000 tons in 1987, and the last scallop dredger left the areas in 1992. The most exploited beds were close to Bear Island and around Moffen, north of Svalbard.

This major effort resulted in a heavy depletion during of the beds in this area, and slow growth and infrequent recruitment indicated long recovery time.

Iceland scallop beds significant for fishery were surveyed during a cruise in August 2006, and the status of the stocks 15 – 20 years after depletion are presented. A future potential for a new fishery for the Iceland scallops in these areas are discussed, based on the observed recovery time for the different beds.