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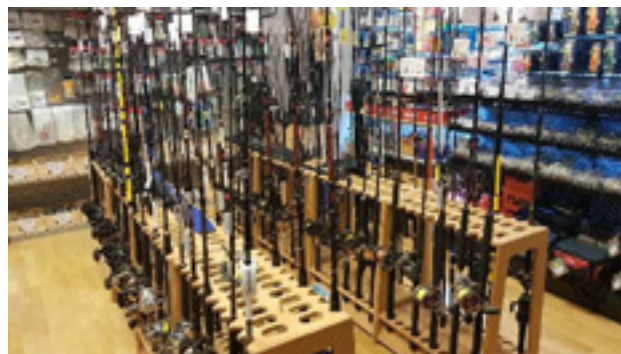


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Marcus Wuest

EFSA President

Dear fellow EFSA anglers and friends,
For 2025 we have a treat for every keen chaser of big fish. Our EFSA European Sea Angling Fishing championships are bringing us back to Norway and specifically the very prolific waters around the island of Fedje. The deep waters there hold large ling, cod and halibut to name but a few species. Fedje is another unique place to fish from. It is an island in western Norway north of Bergen. Anglers will be greeted by the Fedje Lighthouse when going out to sea and coming back.

It will be the 4th time for me personally visiting Norway with the EFSA family. I have fond memories of fishing the different places and am very thrilled that section Norway have come forward with hosting these championships. Norway is something like a spiritual home for EFSA as many original trophies are on display in Stavanger. If your travels allow it you should definitely try and have a look at some tangible history of EFSA. Running these events has become tremendously difficult over the last couple of years. Not just the pandemic but also other world events mean that costing of competitions has become a real challenge. I have full confidence in Roar, Aksel, Tom and their team for running this championships very smoothly. With this it is up to the larger EFSA family to show our support. As always I am looking forward to meeting and fishing with many of you there!



Geir Solland

EFSA Chairman Norway

Welcome to the European Sea Angling Championship 2025

It is with my greatest pleasure on behalf of EFSA Norway to welcome you to the “village in the Ocean” FEDJE. This championship is hosted by the local fishing club Fedje Havfiskeklubb. I would like to thank them all for the work and efforts they have put into this so that we all can come together and spend wonderful good days in this fantastic place..

Without them all we would not be able to arrange this championship. Please contact us if there is anything about the fishing, tackle and species that you would like to ask. You will also find info on facebook. We do hope that your visit to FEDJE will be an enjoyable and memorable one. Looking forward to meeting you all during this week. Skitt fiske! Tight lines!



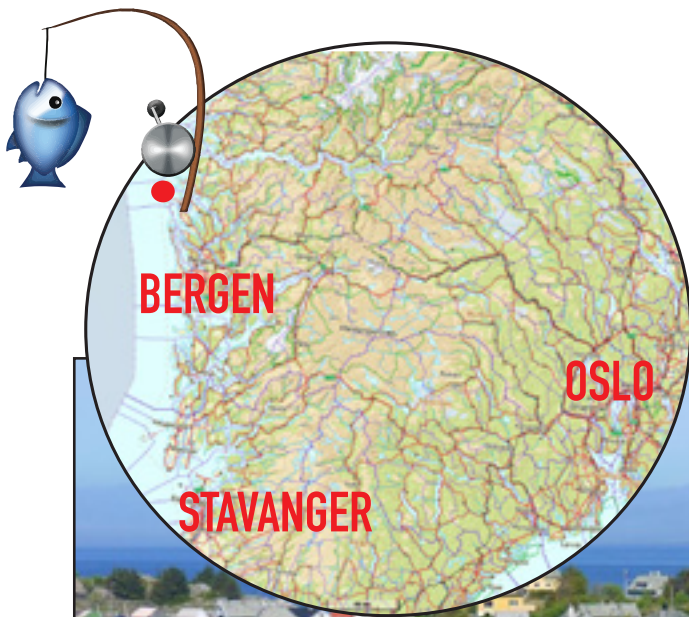
Welcome to Fedje

Fedje Kommune welcomes you to visit our community before, during or after the European Sea Angling Championship 2025. The island is only a 2 hour drive from Bergen International Airport (Flesland) to Sævrøy where you board a 'free of charge' electric-powered ferry that carries you directly to the centre of Fedje.

Fedje is an island location where you will find some of the best fishing areas along the west coast of Norway.

Contact one of us in this brochure and we will make sure that you are taken well care of regarding accommodation, dining and not least fishing.

Tight Lines!





Stian Herøy, Mayor of Fedje

Mayor of Fedje

Welcome to our Island, Fedje.

It's a pleasure for me as mayor of Fedje to welcome you all to Fedje and the European Sea Angling Championship of 2025. Fedje Sea Fishing Club is proud to organize this on behalf of EFSA Norway. I hope that everything will run as expected and that you will all have a good experience here on our island.

The first written records we have from Fedje are from the early 1400s, when a part of the island was populated, mostly by people from Scotland and Ireland. The records from that time are few, but a qualified guess is that these inhabitants had connections to the monasteries in Bergen.

Fedje is an old fishing community. Most of the population is located on the north side, where we have the best harbour and shelter from the sea. During the period from 1875 to 1921 there was an industrial extraction of peat on the island, most of it shipped to Bergen. We had even our own railroad system for transportation of the peat. The scars in the landscape from the extraction can still be seen, specially on the south side.

Today most people out here make their living in one or another way connected to the sea, as sailors, fishermen or on the platforms in the oil and gas industry.

As I am writing this text we have registered 560 inhabitants in the municipality of Fedje, down from around 1000 during the 60s when the herring fishery was at its peak.

For us this competition is a really big event and I hope you all will enjoy your stay on Fedje and that your lines will be very tight. *Yours sincerely*



Aksel Larsen, Chairmann Fedje Havfiskeklubb

Fedje Havfiskeklubb

Dear angling friends

It is fantastic to welcome you to the European Sea Angling Championship 2025 at Fedje. I hope you will experience nice weather during your stay at Fedje with, big fish and great friendship.

Fedje HK is a young fishing club, founded in 2021. But with its 40 well-grown members, it is a club full of knowledge and experience.

This is reflected in the club's rules, which state, among other things, that all members must contribute to the community in the club, and that unity and friendship are the club's prerequisites.

The idea of a European Championship at Fedje was aired last summer.

We had to go a few laps with ourselves. Yes or no? Would we be able to deliver a championship of high quality? Our senior members from

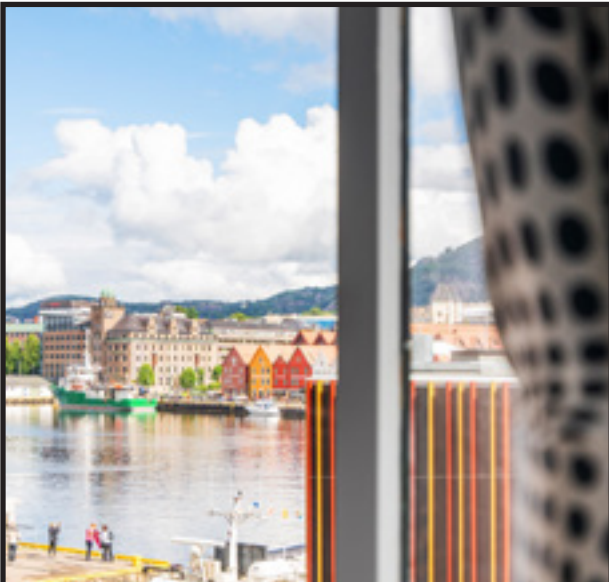
Tananger/Stavanger have previously organized and competed in European Championships, so, there is lots of experience and expertise there and we know we have full support from the people of Fedje Island.

The big challenge for us, like all other organizers of fishing festivals at sea, how many participants will there be and how many boats will we need?

We did get a maximum number of participants approved by EFSA HQ and we felt confident that we would get enough boats for the event. More work goes into getting the best possible quality of the boats that will be ready for you on Monday 4 August 2025.

The possibilities for the fish of your dreams are certainly there or should I say here? Text and pictures from our annual festivals in May can be found in several places in this brochure. However, there is no guarantee of either weather or fish, we all know that. What I can promise you is that we in Fedje HK will do our utmost to make the best possible conditions for you participants during the championship.

My hope is that you will have a fantastic week together with good friends in your hunt for the big fish.



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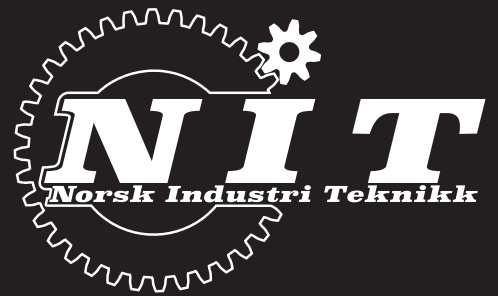
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The Birth of a Fishing Club

Fedje Havfiskeklubb was born late one Saturday evening in March 2021. After a long day at sea, Aksel, Tom, Eivind, Helge, Einar and the undersigned sat together with our host Tore, enjoying a well-deserved cognac. We were in a good mood and excited after the day's fantastic experiences. Large ling were the main target, but great specimens of pollock, cod and hake all came on board. Several hundred kilos of fish were gutted and filleted under the sharp supervision of Hanne Mari. A lot of work. Great fun!!

We wanted to share this experience with others. A few more drops of Cognac. How about creating a new fishing club where we invited fishing buddies in as members? The agreement was unanimous. The Board and the Club's guidelines came into being. We had all been involved in clubs before, but now it was like being born again. One nightcap, then Fedje HK was a fact.

The Fedjefestivalen (Fedje Festival) 2021 was our first competition. 3 boats, 12 fishing-loving friends, from different clubs, fished for 4 days. Most of us had long time experience with organized sea fishing, both at home and abroad,

in competitions and association work.

This was still something new. Everyone was so happy and extremely positive. We shared knowledge and equipment, took part in the work on the quay, whether it was preparing for the day out or washing down, gutting and packing the catch. We experienced a unique amiable camaraderie and good togetherness.

Our club motto became

“Good Unity-Great Fishing”.

In Norwegian; Godt Samhold - Skitt Fiske

So, what next? Should the 12 of us keep this treat to ourselves or should we try to double the number of participants? How many people would there be room for at Tore's dock?

And who should we invite to join?

We sent invitations to fishing friends whom we were sure would be positive contributors to our new fishing club. The invites included our friends from Scotland; Alistare, Scott and Derek. This is how it became a classic international friends vs. friends event.

Our fishing club got a new sub-title, Fedje Sea Fishing Club International Invitational.



Fedjefestivalen 2022 saw 24 participants, then 28 in 2023 and in 2024 we were 32 fishing friends gathered in Tore's sea house.

And now the question of a larger international competition arosed. Could we organize a European Championship at Fedje. Was this beautiful island community located offshore in Norway, with its incredible fishing areas to the north and west ready to welcome dozens of fishing enthusiasts. I, and others on the Board have been involved in preparing for European Championships several times in the past, Tananger, Harstad and Måløy. A lot of work and many things to organize.

And the questions were many. Can we get enough boats, how many participants, accommodation, dining and...?'

Long story short; we concluded that we could manage it together with the residents of Fedje. And now the European Sea Angling Championship 2025 Fedje is a fact. All thanks to a very pleasant social Saturday evening in March 2021, with good friends, fishy tales and banter around the table in Hanne Mari and Tore's scenic living room. Not to mention the few drops of cognac!!!

An uplifting story if you ask me. Good togetherness, lots of big fish, pictures from the sea bathed in sunshine.

It is now in order for a small warning to those of you who think that it is only necessary to turn up to hook the fish, leading to prizes and fishing festival glory. I must mention some of the typical fishing variables this island holds such as the weather god's mood, water depths down to over 200 meters, prevailing current conditions, neap/spring tides and not least the presence of the fish and their desire to seek out your baited hook. And when that big fish is on the hook,

the thoughts come – I should have done more strength training last winter, my back hurts and my arms feel numb. Is the line strong enough, will the knots hold, is the gaff nearby? Or is it simply a quiet day at sea – dangling rather than angling! You know all of this. You have experienced it before and you will experience it again. This is how sea fishing is.

Just as important as the competitions, is the social interaction between the participants. Meeting old friends, reminisce, strengthen existing relationships and create new ones. Put yourself out there, share your knowledge and your stories – the long, the short, the funny and of course the ones that got away! Simply said 'Create good unity and a good sense of community'.

I hope many will find their way to Fedje on the Friday before the actual fishing starts on the Monday morning. The plan is to provide as much information as possible and offer good social events to all.

It is to early to say exact what we will offer on Friday evening and Saturday. But we will respond with more information well in advance along with details of accommodation and general arrangements.

Finally, rest assured that the Festival Committee, the club's members and the residents of Fedje led by its mayor Stian Herøy will do their outmost to ensure that you have a great experience at Fedje in August 2025.

The keys stroked in August 2024 by

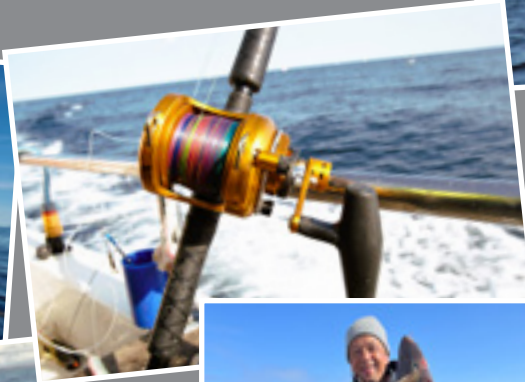
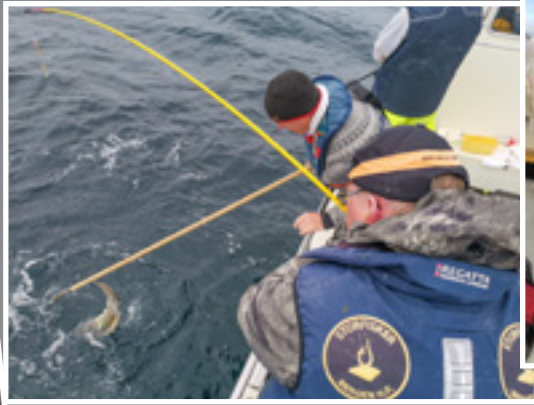
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Programme and Timetable of Events

European Sea Angling Championship 2025
Fedje, Norway

Official Headquarter is FAB 8

Saturday the 2nd August

15.00 – 17.30 Registration at FAB

Sunday the 3rd August

15.00 – 17.30 Registration at FAB 8

18.00 Assembly and Flag raising ceremony at Fedje Harbour

18.30 Welcome reception at FAB 8

Monday the 4th August

07.30 Assemble at FAB 8

08.30 Boats leaves for fishing ground

----- Lines down, 6 hours efficient fishing

Tuesday the 5th August

07.30 Program as Monday

Wednesday the 6th August

09.00 – 12.00 EFSA Executive Officers Meeting

14.00 - 17.00 EFSA Standing Committee

17.00 – 18.00 EFSA Annual General Meeting

Please remember that dress code as described in the Rules is mandatory at these events
All meetings held at HQ

Thursday the 7th August

07.30 - Program as Monday

Friday the 8th August

07.30 - Program as Monday

Saturday the 9th August

11.00 - 13.00 EFSA Norway Annual Meeting

16.00 Prize-giving Ceremony

19.00 Farewell Dinner

We assume that most of participants will arrive friday the 1st of August.
We will provide information about trial fishing well in advance of the competition.

Local evening events will take place during our great week at Fedje. Program to follow.

Fishing rules

European Sea Angling Championship 2025 Fedje, Norway

1. The European Sea Angling Championship will be fished to E.F.S.A. rules governing at the time of the championship, unless otherwise stated. See no 14
2. Each competitor is responsible to have necessary knowledge about EFSA Fishing Rules.
3. The headquarters of the championships will be at FAB 8 in the Fedje harbour.
4. Please remember EFSA dress code at the opening ceremony, standing committee meeting, prizegiving ceremony and farewell dinner.
5. Fishing areas each day will be directed by the organisation committee who will be guided by weather conditions prevailing.
6. A boat angling captain and a steward will be selected for each boat. Prior to each day's fishing there will be a meeting to define fishing areas, responsibilities etc. Either the angling captain or the steward will be Norwegian speaking of safety reasons.
7. On no account will a boat wait for any late coming competitor.
8. A maximum of 2 hooks may be used in the championship:
2 single hooks may be used for baitfishing. Pirks must be fitted with one free-swinging hook (single, double or treble), a second single hook may be simultaneously used on a dropper provided it is positioned within a minimum of 30 cm and maximum of 100 cm above or under /after the perk. Wire lines is prohibited. Artificial lures are permitted
9. No competitors may have more than one rod and reel with terminal tackle fitted up at any time. A second rod may be assembled, but without terminal tackle attached
10. Casting from the boat is not allowed
11. Mackerel will be supplied as bait; the only other bait allowed would be that caught by the competitors. No live baiting is allowed.
12. The European Boat Championship will be fished to a point system where the angler with the highest final points after 4 days will be declared as the winner: Final points are based on weighed (kilos) fish
The winner of the boat will get 100 final points and the other anglers will have their scores expressed as a percentage of the boat winner's total kilos of fish.
13. A list of minimum sizes of each specimen fish will be programmed for the anglers.
14. Anglers are allowed to put their fishing rod on the boat's rail while fighting the fish.
Anglers may also receive assistance to net or gaff a fish.

- 15.** All foul – hooked and undersized fish must be returned carefully back in the sea.
A foul – hooked fish is one that is not hooked in front of the gills.
All fish shall be bled immediately before the line goes back in sea.
- 16.** A competitor having a large fish on, has right of way in the boat and all other competitors must allow him/ her complete freedom of movement while he or she is playing the fish.
Other competitors must remove their lines from the water, if requested to do so.
- 17.** All fish must be bled correctly before the line goes back into the sea. A written instruction of correct bleeding will be given to each competitor at registration.
- 18.** Angling captain will lead his / her crew to an appointed weight station.
- 19.** Mackerel are not eligible. Mackerel can only be brought to the weight station if an angler wishes to claim a record.
- 20.** All fish weighed in will be the property of the Fedje Havfiskeklubb.
- 21.** Any infringement of the rules may disqualify an angler from the competition
- 22.** Any competitors wishing to lodge protest must adopt the following procedure:
 - any protest relating to the day`s fishing must be submitted in writing to the Chairman of the Protest Committee before 7.00 p.m. each day
 - any protest relating to the results must be submitted in writing to the Chairman of the Protest Committee before 8 a.m. the following day.
- 23.** Fishing-results will be posted daily at FAB 8 in Fedje Harbour.
- 24.** Each section must send the entry forms and payments for their participants to Fedje Havfiskeklubb latest at 15th of March 2025.
Boat-draw will take place in public in June 2025.

And some important points at the end

A flotation element (lifejacket or buoyancy aid) on your body is required by Norwegian law as long as you are on board no matter how nice the weather is.

Most of us like to enjoy a beer or two, have a nice glass of wine or a few drops of whiskey. That is alright, but too many can cause an unwanted event. We are surrounded by water 24/7. Despite rules and tough competitions, do not forget why you are a part of EFSA, a part of us. You love fishing, you love to compete, you love to meet people, you love friendship.

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Entry Cost is NOK 7.500,- per angler, junior NOK 3.500
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Farewell party Saturday evening NOK 600,- per person

All entry forms to be sent to your national EFSA-secretary latest March 1st 2025

All entryforms to be forwarded asap, but not later than the 15th of March to:
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No refunds will be made for non-attendance for whatever reason.

I agree to abide by the championship rules and will not hold the organisers responsible for any loss, damage or accident caused to myself or property during this championship.

Signed: Date:

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Fishing Information

By: Eivind Johannesen

For us, as organizers, it is important that all participants go home with a good fishing experience and that everyone should have the opportunity to compete under as equal conditions as possible.

To that end we include below some general information about target fish, and guidance regarding size class for rods, line and hooks and rig patterns.

There is variation in the fishing areas around Fedje, with the areas to the west and north-west of the island being preferred, providing the weather and current permit. Generally, the best fishing is found in waters between 120-180m depth.

Areas to the west and north-west of Fedje.

Target species are as follows:

Lange / Ling: Normal size 10-20kg

Sei / Coalfish: Normal size 6-10kg

Lysing / Hake: Normal size 7-10kg

Torsk / Cod: Normal size 5-10kg

Kveite / Halibut: Normal size 12-25 kg

(our club record set 2024: 61.5 kg as pictured)

Equipment guide:

Rod and reel class 30-50lbs with 400-500mtr

50-60lbs braid

Weight of sinker 500-750gr

Paternoster tackle

Hook size: 8/0 - 12/0 octopus or circle hook

Rig Line: Ø 0.90 – 1.20mm

Luminous rubber sleeve, muppets (octopus/squid) with flashing light, baited with mackerel



Other areas if the weather does not permit fishing in our preferred area.

There are alternatives on the lee side of Fedje (whichever side that maybe).

Typical water depth at fishing area 60-100mtr.

It is still possible to catch large fish, but other species also become important.

Target species include the above and as follows

Lange / Ling: Normal size 5-10kg

Hyse / Haddock Normal size 2-4kg

Equipment guide:

Rod and reel class 20-30lbs with 300mtr

30-40lbs braid

Weight of sinker 400-500gr

Paternoster tackle

Hook size: 4/0 - 6/0 octopus or circle hook

Rig Line : Ø 0.70-0.90mm

Luminous rubber sleeve, muppets

(octopus/squid) baited with mackerel

Areas including Holmengrå or in the shelter of other small islands local to Fedje.

Water depth at these areas range between 15-50mtr.

Target species are as follows:

Lyr / Pollock Normal size 2-6kg

Sei / Coalfish: Normal size 2-5kg

Torsk / Cod: Normal size 2-5kg

Equipment guide:

Rod and reel class 12-30lbs with 300mtr

30-40lbs braid

Weight of sinker / jig 200-400gr depending on depth.

Paternoster tackle

Hook size: 4/0 - 6/0 octopus or circle hook

Rig Line : Ø 0.60-0.80mm

Also Jigs /pirks and soft rubber lures, shads, gummi macs

Hook size: 6/0 – 8/0

Rig Line: Ø 0.60-0.80mm

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Angler`s Mail Cup – Gold Medal
Best pollack / coalfish

Henry Poulton Cup – Gold Medal
Best conger / ling

Scotsman Trophy – Gold Medal
Heaviest Fish of the Championships

Inde Coupe Trophy – Gold Medal
Best Specimen Fish of the Championships

Prince de Ligne Memorial – Gold Medal
Highest Number of Fish of the Championships

Ken Walker Memorial - Gold Medal
Single day best catch (Male)

Philadore Cup - Gold Medal
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From the Festival Committee

Dear EFSA friends from home and abroad
Welcome to an experience-rich week at Fedje.

On behalf of the festival committee and Fedje Havfiskeklubb, it is a great pleasure to welcome you to our fishing paradise. A paradise that will hopefully give you great experiences and maybe a big fish or two. Perhaps even a personal record? Welcome to a deep-sea fishing adventure!

The festival committee would like to thank the mayor and the entire island community in advance for the goodwill shown towards hosting this championship on the island. The committee has been concerned from the start that this should also be an event for the local population. Teams and associations are invited and will be involved in our event.

The festival committee's biggest task is to get sufficient boats for the championship. Boats with captains who make their time available so that we can exercise our passion.

Several have already agreed to participate in August 2025 and we are grateful for that. Without them there would have been no fishing out at sea. Simple as that. A genuine Thank-You from our hearts. The committee continues to work to secure enough boats!

Also a big Thank-You to our sponsors for their financial support which is a necessity for such an event. And last, but by no means least; a big Thank-You to Trond Nor-Hansen, Profil Supply, who has been of invaluable help in creating this brochure. Many thanks to all of you.

I round off by emphasizing and thanking all in Fedje HK as everyone contributes in their own way, this is voluntary work done with pleasure.

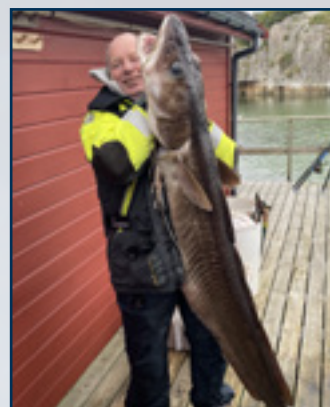
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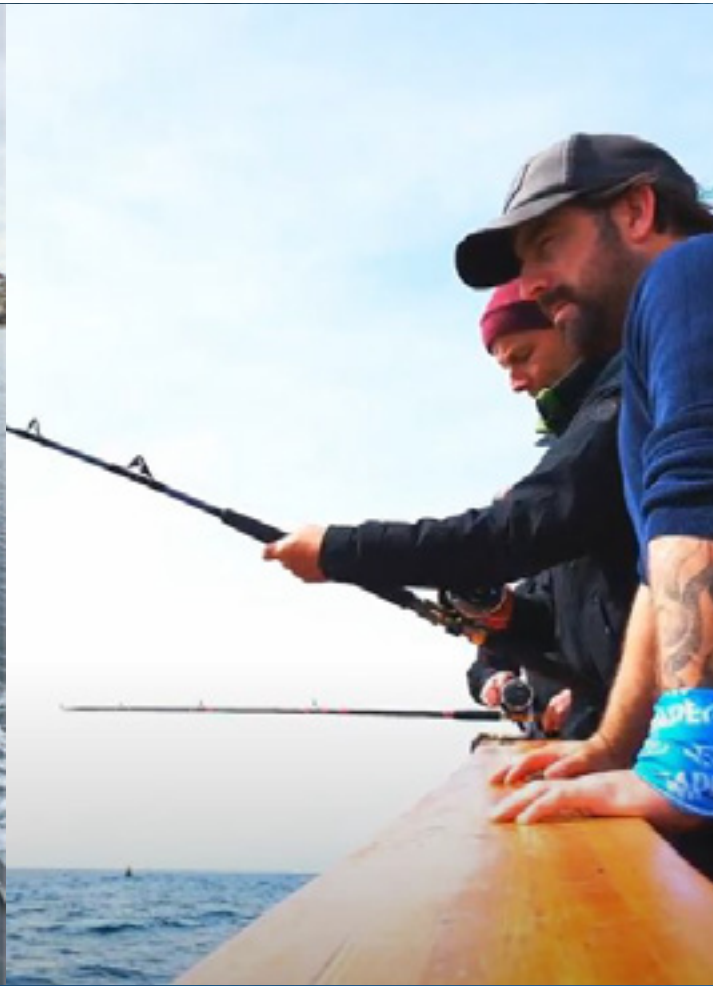
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