



European Species Championship 2026 Dalvik August 2026. Newsletter no. 1.

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The European Species Championship 2026 will be held from Dalvik, North-Iceland from 27th August to 30th August. EFSA Iceland will not issue a brochure for the Championship but instead issue a regular Newsletter and send it out to all the Sections and publish it on EFSA Iceland and EFSA HQ websites, www.efsa.is/, <http://efsafishing.org> and on Facebook.

Information

Entry fee and closing date of entry. Entry fee is EUR 400. Bait included. **Pre-Registration** before 1st April 2026 and **payment of entry fee before 31st May 2026**. Price for Gala Dinner is EUR 50. The entry form will be sent out on a Word-format and a PDF-format.

The rate of exchange. On 22nd of January 2026 the rate of exchange for the Icelandic krona was approx. 1 € = 146 ISK krona and 1 £ Sterling = 167 ISK krona.

The Organizing Committee and e-mails. Skarphedinn Asbjörnsson Chairman, gamli@simnet.is, Thorir Sveinsson Secretary, thosve@snerpa.is, Hersir Gíslason Cashier, hersir.gislason@vegagerdin.is, Gunnar Jonsson, guz@mmedia.is, Ægir Einarsson, aegire59@gmail.com.

The fishing spots. We will be fishing from the fishing grounds near Dalvik and in bay of Eyjafjörður.

Fishing rules. See below.

Fish to catch. Cod. Other fish do not count for points.

The fishing. All the good size **fish must be killed by bleeding**. You will be provided with a bucket for your fish. The skipper will bleed the fish, the Crew measure and the Boat captain or his Steward writes down on the Scorecard. After that put the fish into the common box. If you have got a record fish or if it is your personal record, you can tag it, keep it with you and bring it in for measuring. We may not by law release a fish back into the water, so all fish into the common box.

Bait. We will use Herring and/or Mackerel.

Teams. It is free of charge to register into teams. Your Secretary will register your Section's teams in due course. See registration cards below.

Tackle shop. There is a tackle shop in Akureyri "Veidiríkid" Óseyri 6. <https://veidirikid.is/>

Clothing. It can be cold and windy in August in Iceland. Bring with you your warm clothes, rain clothes and boots.

Spouse tour. There will be no spouse tour organized by the Organizing Committee. But there are many places near Dalvik worth visiting.

EFSA uniform. You must wear EFSA uniform at the Opening Ceremony, the Prize giving Ceremony and the Gala dinner.

Skarphéðinn Ásbjörnsson

EFSA Iceland Chairman



Dear fellow anglers and friends.

For the first time EFSA Iceland welcome you to the European Species Championship in August 2026 in Dalvik, North-Iceland. This Championship was scheduled to be held in Sweden in September, but EFSA Sweden had to cancel their Species Championship due to uncontrollable reason.

EFSA Iceland has held one European Championships before in Dalvik or the European Boat & Line Championships in 2010. We have also held before one other Boat & Line Championships, two Shore Championships and three Species Championships from Olafsvik, Akureyri and The Westman Islands.

In this European Species Championship, we will be targeting big Cod and fish from the fishing grounds near Dalvik and the bay of Eyjafjörður. The fishing is unlimited. The point system is divided into three length categories: Cod 50 cm to 74 cm, Cod 75 cm to 89 cm and Cod 90 cm and over.

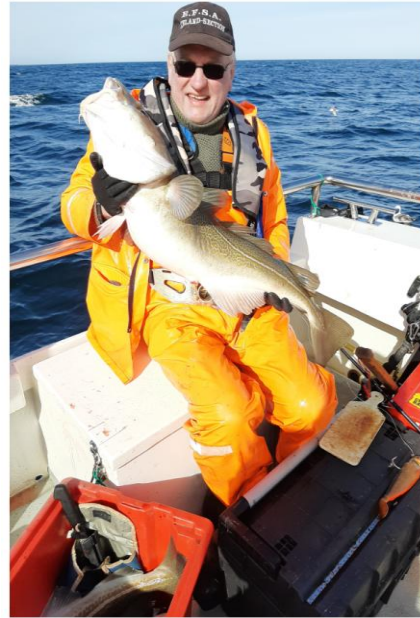
The weather in Iceland in August can be windy and cold so remember to bring with you some warm cloths and boots. In most weather conditions we can seek shelter between the island of Hrisey and the mainland in the bay of Eyjafjörður.

I am sure that you will enjoy your stay in Iceland and in Dalvik and I and all our members look very much forward to see you.

Organizing Committee



Skarphedinn Asbjörnsson Chairman



Thorir Sveinsson Secretary



Ægir Einarsson



Hersir Gíslason, Cashier



Gunnar Jónsson

Dalvik Iceland 2026

EFSA European Species Championship Programme and Timetable of Events

EFSA Species Championship 2026 will be held from Thursday 27th August to Sunday 30th August from Dalvik, North-Iceland fishing for big Cod. The venue will be fished to the EFSA rules.

Thursday 27th August	Registration and Opening Ceremony
18:00	Registration at Dalvik
20:00	Opening Ceremony at Dalvik
Friday 28th August	Cod
06:30	Assemble at Pier Dalvik
07:00	Boats depart for fishing grounds
08:00	Lines down
14:00	Lines up
16:00	All boats must be in harbour
19:00	Days results displayed
Saturday 29th August	Cod
06:30 – 16:00	Same as Friday
19:00	Days results displayed
Sunday 30th August	
20:00	Presentation of awards
21:00	Gala Dinner at Dalvik

Sunday 30th for spare if weather is too bad for fishing on day 1 or day 2.

The times and programme are subject to alteration at the discretion of the Organizing Committee.

Trophy and Medal List

European Species Champion Prizes

Category	Medal/Pins	Prizes
Individual Species Champion	Gold/Silver/Bronze Medals and EFSA Pins	1st – 3rd
Best Senior	Gold/Silver/Bronze Medals	1st – 3rd
Best Junior	Gold	1st
Team of Two	Gold/Silver/Bronze Medals (2)	1st – 3rd
Executive Team	Gold/Silver/Bronze Medals (4)	1st – 3rd
Team of Four	Gold/Silver/Bronze Medals (4)	1st – 3rd
National Team Champion	Gold/Silver/Bronze Medals (5)	1st – 3rd
Longest Cod	Gold/Silver/Bronze Medals	1st – 3rd

Point system, boats, fishing gear, fishing technique

The point system and fishing. The Championship is a Species Championship with **unlimited number** of Cod to count for points. Cod 50-74 cm 1 points, Cod 75-89 cm 4 points and Cod 90 cm or longer 20 points. All other fish 0 point.

Boats. The boats in the Championship will mainly be small size fibre plastic fishing boats. Experienced skippers on each boat know where to catch the fish. The skipper can net/gaff the fish for the anglers if requested and they will gill all fish for the anglers. They can be of help in all troubles for example tangled lines or breaking the line, but they never bait the hooks for anglers or touch the rod when the trace is down.

The boats will be drifting all day when fishing.

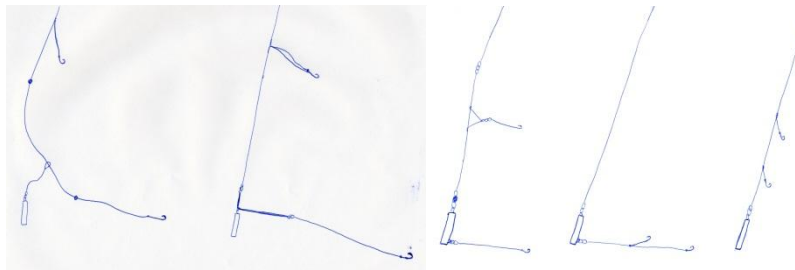


Fishing. Gear and technique.

In the EFSA Species Championship, we will be fishing similar as in other EFSA Championships and with strong rods and reels. Bait will be supplied by the organizers, and no other bait is allowed other than caught by the angler that day.

Fishing will mainly be on baited traces, paternoster or similar. Pirks and artificial lures can also be used. Pinking can sometimes be useful for an experienced angler.

Please just keep in mind, have the fish netted/gaffed when brought to the surface or try lifting the fish by getting hold of the line and bring it in carefully that way. Please do not lift the fish on board with the rod. If the fish in the process falls off the trace or the pirk it can cause severe personal damage.



Examples of common traces

Lead can be bought from EFSA Iceland at the Championship but notice there is no tackle shop in Dalvík but there is one in Akureyri. The weather condition in August can be cold and windy with heavy sea, so it is necessary to bring warm cloths and glove and rubber boots. Especially we recommend waterproof pants and jackets or anoraks.

Championship Rules 2026 Dalvik Iceland

General Fishing RULES

1. The Championship will be fished to the EFSA rules governing at the time of the Championship unless otherwise stated.
2. The fishing will take place the 28th and 29th of August 2026. 30th to spare if weather is bad on 28th or 29th.
3. The boat draw will take place in public at least one month before the Championship.
4. A husband and wife, parent and child may apply to be drawn on the same boat but a request to do so must be clearly stated on the entry form.
5. Fishing captain will be appointed for each boat and his duties will include: Ensuring that the Championship rules are obeyed. Responsible for drawing of places on board the boat. Observance of start and finish times. Complete the "Fish record card" for the anglers Liaising with the boat skipper.
6. Fishing area each day will be directed by the Organizing Committee who will be guided by prevailing weather conditions.
7. The Committee has the power to abandon that day's fishing or confine all boats to safe area. The Committee's decision will be final.
8. Bait will be supplied to each angler at the boat before each day's fishing. The only other bait allowed will be that caught by the competitor that day. Bait or baitfish may not be retained at the end of each day. Bait may not be shared.
9. Artificial lures are permitted.
10. Anglers may receive assistance to net or gaff a fish.
11. A fish counting shall immediately be gilled and it is not permitted to start fishing again until it has been done.
12. A foul hooked Cod does not count and shall immediately be put in a common container aboard the boat.
13. Casting from a boat is only permitted using an under arm method with the terminal tackle and trace outside the boat at all times during the cast.
14. Only one trace at a time is permitted. Maximum of two hooks is permitted on a trace. One of the hooks can be double or treble hook but must then be assembled to a pirk. Double or treble hooks may never be baited. Length of a trace should not exceed 4.5 meters.
15. Lifting a fish and bring it aboard with the rod is not permitted.
16. Skipper or Boat Captain may:
 - a) Assist with gilling a fish.
 - b) Help anglers with mixed or tangled lines.
 - c) Gaff or net fish.
 - d) Break the line for anglers in case of the trace being stuck on the bottom.
 - e) Retrieving hooks from fish.
17. Skipper or Boat Captain may not:
 - a) Touch the angler's rod when the tackle is down except when trace is stuck on bottom.
 - b) Bait the hooks for anglers.
18. Only fish recorded on an angler's "Fish Record Card" count for points.
19. All anglers shall assemble at the harbour at 06:30 each day. Boats can leave harbour at 07:00. Lines down at 08:00. Lines up latest at 14:00. Boats shall be in harbour no later than 16:00 hour. If boats arrive at fishing grounds before starting time and all anglers are ready it's permitted to start fishing. Then the lines shall be up after exactly six hours.
20. Boats shall contact Organizing Committee immediately in case of a breakdown. The Organizing Committee decides if an extra fishing time is granted in each case.
21. Fish points are given by point system shown on the Scorecard. It is a part of the rules.
22. Each angler is responsible for checking that his/her catch is correctly entered on the Scorecard.
23. The Boat Winner each day will get 100 boat points and the other anglers will have their boat scores expressed as a percentage of the Boat Winner's score.
24. In case of a tie the angler with most fishing point will win. If two or more anglers are still equal the angler with fewer fish shall win.
25. Results will be published on a scoreboard at the Headquarters before 19:00 each day.
26. Any claim regarding a day's fishing shall be brought to the Organizing Committee no later than 17:00 that day.
27. Any claim regarding a day's result shall be brought to the Organizing Committee soonest possible, no later than 08:00 the following day.
28. Point system. Cod 50-74 cm. long 1 points, Cod 75-89 cm. long 4 points, Cod 90 cm or longer 20 points. All other fish 0 point. Unlimited fishing.

Entry Form

EFSA Species Championship 2026

Dalvik Iceland

27th –30th August 2026

1. Angler details:

Surname and title:

First Name:

Address:

E-mail:

Section:

Membership No:

2. Membership Class: Please mark in front of all relevant with **X** that apply:

☐ Annual member. ☐ Life member. ☐ Lady. ☐ Senior (65 and over). ☐ Junior (under 18).

Junior and Senior age at start of event to count.

3. Non-fishing companions:

Surname and title..... First Name.....

Surname and title..... First Name.....

4. Entry costs:

	<u>Adult</u>	<u>Junior</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Sub-total</u>
Species Championship	EUR 400	EUR 200	EUR.....
Gala Dinner	EUR 50	EUR 40	EUR.....
Total amount due:				EUR

5. Account details:

Account name EFSA Iceland
 IBAN IS54 0324 2600 6906 6906 0628 30
 SWIFT Code esjaisre
 Bank address Borgartun 19. 105 Reykjavik. Iceland.

All entry forms must be sent to your own Section Secretary by the date specified by your Section. Pre-registration before 1st April 2026. Your Section Secretary is responsible for forwarding all entry forms and cleared payments prior to close of entries which are due prior to: **May 31st 2026. No refunding.**

The sender is responsible for all transmission charges imposed by the sending and receiving banks and this must be allowed for in any funds sent. Receipt of payments and entries received will be acknowledged to the relevant Section Secretary within one month of close of entries.

Section Secretaries only August send entry forms to:

EFSA Iceland Secretary
 Thorir Sveinsson, Njörvasundi 1, 104 Reykjavik, Iceland.
 E-mail: thosve@snerpa.is

6. I agree to be bound by the rules of the event and will not hold the Organisers or Federation responsible for any loss, damage or accident caused to myself, my companions or property during the event programme.

Date:

Signed:

Accommodation & restaurants in the Dalvik area

Visit the website: <https://dohop.is> or search on Google for accommodation in a hotel or guesthouse in Dalvik area or Akureyri or try Booking.com and keytoiceland.is or Hotel Dalvik. For hotel accommodation and restaurants in Akureyri visit the website: <https://www.visitakureyri.is/en>.



Hotel Dalvik, Skidabraut 18, 620 Dalvik. Economy twin with shared bath and access to kitchen
More info: <https://www.keytoiceland.com/is/hotels/799/room-details/3035?dest=Norðurland&adults=2&rooms=1>

Some restaurants and bars in Dalvik:

Gisli, Eiríkur, Helgi Café and restaurant, Grundargata 1 Dalvik.

Baccalá Bar (Icelandic salted Cod), Aðalgata 2 Hauganes.

Ströndin bistro (American), Ægisgata 31 Dalvik.

Tomman (Pizza restaurant), Hafnarbraut 21 Dalvik.

Nordur (Bar, Pizza), Hafnarbraut 5 Dalvik.

A Gregor's Restaurant North Iceland (Bar, International), Godabraut 3 Dalvik.

Travelling to Dalvik from Reykjavik (Keflavik) airport

You can either rent a car at the airport or take the bus from the airport to Reykjavik and from there take a domestic flight with Icelandair to Akureyri. Then drive about 45 km. from Akureyri to Dalvik. You can hire a taxi from Akureyri airport to Dalvik. Contact them by e-mail bso@bso.is or visit their website <https://bso.is> and ask for a price to drive you to Dalvik. If you rent a car at Reykjavik airport (Keflavik) it is about 500 km. drive from the airport to Dalvik or about 7-8 hours.



Stigaspjald / Fish Record Card

EFSA Iceland 2026

28th to 29th August Dalvik

Boat no.

COD - Day 1

Angler's name:

No.

Length	Mark each Cod with stroke	No. of Cod	Points	Subtotal
50 cm. to 74 cm.			1	
75 cm. to 89 cm.			4	
>90 cm.			20	
Samanlagt/Grand Total				
Longest Cod:				
Measurement rules: Not a whole centimeter of fish is to be rounded down, e.g. 74.9 cm fish to be measured as 74cm fish. Mælingareglur: Ekki heill sentimetri af mældum fiski skal mælast niður, þ.e. 74,9 cm fiskur mælist sem 74 cm. fiskur.				

Fishing captain signature:

Angler's signature:

Registration for Teams

It is free of charge to register into teams. The registration form for 4man and 2man team is:



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4man team

		Team no.
Angler	No.	Section

angler's signature

registration signature



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2man team

		Team no.
Angler	No.	Section

angler's signature

registration signature