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Experts from the Pew Charitable Trusts propose signing an International Arctic Fisheries Agreement that would allow regulating fisheries in international waters of the Arctic Ocean.

This proposal was put forward by the specialists from the Fund at the RIAC international conference “The Arctic: region of Development and Cooperation” in Moscow in order to prevent unregulated fisheries in the enclave. This proposition was supported by the conference participants as well as representatives from the US State Department.

At the present time, the likely target species of fisheries in the Arctic Ocean is arctic cod. It is likely that in the future other species will spread into the ice-free water areas. Shifting of commercial fishing regions (zones) following fish migration can be observed using Barents Sea as an example.

At the conference “Arctic: region of development and cooperation”, the positions of the Arctic countries towards the International Arctic Fisheries Agreement, stipulating a voluntary fisheries moratorium in the high seas until sufficient scientific data on abundance of bioresources is available, was discussed.

Discussion of the draft agreement by the Arctic countries will be continued in Greenland in February 2014, according to Pew.