

## Optimized catch processing of ling (*Molva molva*) for use in salt cured and dried fish industry

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# Short presentation of the project:

The aim in the study was, sustainability through higher resource utilization and improved quality of the raw material on board long liners and during processing of salt cured and dried fish.

#### **Overall goal statement in this project:**

- develop a bleeding method to ensure good quality on catches from long liners, and find the impacts on quality when produced to salt cured and dried fish.





Figure 1: Ice slurry in the production line on board the long liner



## Results from processing on board

Small scale trials:

- Raw material, 2-4 kg ling (Molva molva)
- Different bleeding times
- Temperature measurements
- With or without ice slurry
- pH measures
- Sensory valuation
- Select the conditions for bleeding in large scale trials.



Measuring pH in fish meat







Logging temperature in bleeding tank



Logging temperature in bleeding tank with fish



#### Temperature measurements

Temperature during trials with ice slurry			
Temperature in bleeding tanks	0-1 °C		
Temperature fish going in bulk tank	4-5 °C		
Temperature water in bulk tank	-1 - +1 °C		
Temperature in fish out of bulk tank	0-2 °C		
Temperature in fish before freezing	1.4 – 6 °C		



Measuring temperature in bleeding tank with ice slurry



Different bleeding times and sensory assessments

Large scale production on board long liner:

#### Production with ice slurry:

- Bleeding 30 minute
- Temperature in bleeding tank 5-6 °C

Production with seawater:

- Ordinary production (control)
- Temperature in bleeding tank 13-15 °C



Belly flaps from ling bled for 45 min and not bled.



Skipper and scientists c considering the degree of bleeding for headed and gutted ling (*Molva molva*).



# Results from producing salt cured and dried fish

Conduction

- Raw material stored at freezing temperature in 2 mounts
- Thawed at appr. 8°C (seawater temp.) in appr. 18 hours.
- Pickle salted in 14 days at 8 ± 1,0 °C
- Matured in 14 days at 4,7 ± 1,6 °C
- Dried
- Stored at 3°C





#### **Raw Material Description**

#### Weight gutted and headed (thawed)

- Ice slurry group 3,1 ± 0,7 kg (n=156)
- Seawater group  $3,2 \pm 0,6 \text{ kg} (n=120)$





#### Texture measurements of raw material





Quality of salted and dried fish

#### Sensory assessments





#### Sensory assessments



Salt cured and dried

Ice slurry

Sea water







#### Sensory assessments

	Salted and dried fish		Stored salted and dried fish	
	Seawater	Ice slurry	Seawater	Ice slurry
Share of Superior %	71	80	81	86
Blood errors %	24	15	13	5
Gaping/tearing %	10	7	8	2





## Summary

#### **Production onboard**

- Low temperature are essentially for good quality
- Ice slurry have effect on quality
- Need to optimize the use of ice slurry on board
- Optimal temperature and bleeding time for large scale trials:
  - Bleeding temperature 5 6 °C
  - Bleeding time 30 min.

#### Finished product of salted and dried fish

- Greater share of superior quality using ice slurry, 9 %
- No major difference in color
- Reduced errors using ice slurry
- Positive effects from lowering temperatures
- Firmer texture using ice slurry



## Thank you for listening

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