The Maritime Zones around Svalbard: Present Status and Future prospects

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Svalbard

- Local communities
  - Longyearbyen
  - Barentsburg
- Activities
  - Coal mining
  - Scientific research
  - University studies
  - Tourism
- Environmental protection
- Local government
The Svalbard Treaty

- Norwegian sovereignty
- The Mining Code
- Non-discrimination
- Taxation
- Restrictions on military use
The Maritime Zones

- The territorial sea
- The 200-mile exclusive economic zone (EEZ)
- The continental shelf
- The high seas
- Maritime delimitation
- Outer limit of the continental shelf
Fishing

– Non-discrimination
  • Total allowable catches (TACs)
  • Non-treaty parties
  • Quotas treaty parties
  • Other conservation measures
  • Enforcement
Petroleum activities

- Current petroleum activities
- Potential for discoveries
- The outer limit of the continental shelf
- Petroleum activities around Svalbard
Shipping

- New shipping routes and more traffic
- Pollution from vessels
Diplomatic Developments

- Norway’s position
- The position of other Treaty parties
- The outer limit of the continental shelf
Possible Solutions

• Norway accepts the application of the Svalbard Treaty
• The other treaty parties accept that the Svalbard Treaty does not apply
• A new Svalbard Conference
• International dispute settlement
• A negotiated informal interpretation