

FISHERIES SERVICES

FINLAND

General Description

Public services in the fisheries sector, that is services funded by mainly or entirely state aid, are funded according to the EU Community rules on the structural assistance in the fisheries sector. Port facilities are an example of this kind of service. These are open to all fishermen, same rules and services are applied to all users, only operating expenses are charged. In many cases a structural public aid covers up to 90 % of the eligible costs.

Private services in the fisheries sector may be funded 1) partly by structural aid (maximum of 35 % of the eligible costs) but mainly by private sector or 2) entirely by private sector. If state aid is used, the EU Community rules on the structural assistance in the fisheries sector are applied. These services are then open to all fishermen, but the charge is based on business economics.

A great variety of services is available in Finnish fisheries sector. The basic services, which are also the most important ones, are public services and thus open to all fishermen. For the creation of these in many cases the co-financing has been used, that is they are funded by national and community assistance.

These services are available as a constellation, meaning they are not all available in every port. Another important point to mention is that a number of these services, especially port services require a legal catch and it that must be based on legal fishing rights. Fishing in the territorial waters of Finland and therein fishing the quota of Finland requires a fishing vessel flying the flag of Finland and registered in Finland.

Services Provided to All Value Chain Elements

Public services: infrastructure, research, veterinary services, re-training, export promotion, storage facilities

Private sector services: storage, transportation, fuel services, repair, lobbying

Services Provided to the Harvesting Sector

Public services: port access, observer programmes, enforcement, satellite monitoring, dock-side monitoring, data collection, harbour and port services, rescue at sea, medical assistance

Private sector services: financial management, risk management, harbour and port services, boat repair services, repair of equipment, training, bunkering, weighing of catch, medical assistance

Services Provided to the Aquaculture Sector

Public services: veterinary services, research, environmental impact assessment, legislation, infrastructure, water regulation

Private sector services: research, environmental monitoring, labour, electricity provision, fresh water provision

Services Provided to the Processing and Trade Sector

Public services: hygiene, safety, waste, location, labour and environmental/pollution specifications and inspection, infrastructure

Private sector services: repair, labour, training, workplace assessment, water, electricity, storage, cleaning, freezing, waste and safety inspections

Services Provided to the Distribution Sector

Public services: infrastructure services, public transportation, pollution specifications, noise requirements

Private sector services: storage facilities, transportation, fuel services

Services Provided to the Retailer and Consumer Sector

Public services: rules on packaging and waste, workplace standards, industry statistics, competition regulations consumer information, defence of consumer interest

Private sector services: eco-labelling standards + monitoring, advertising, marketing