

# Regulatory developments in Norwegian aquaculture

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Fish Pool

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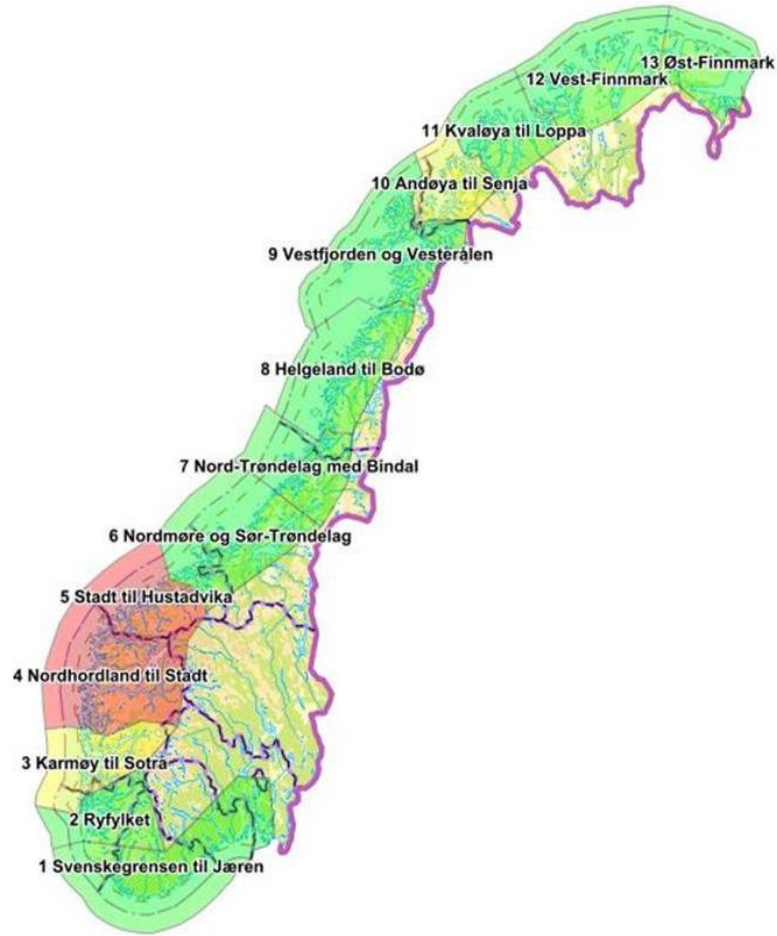


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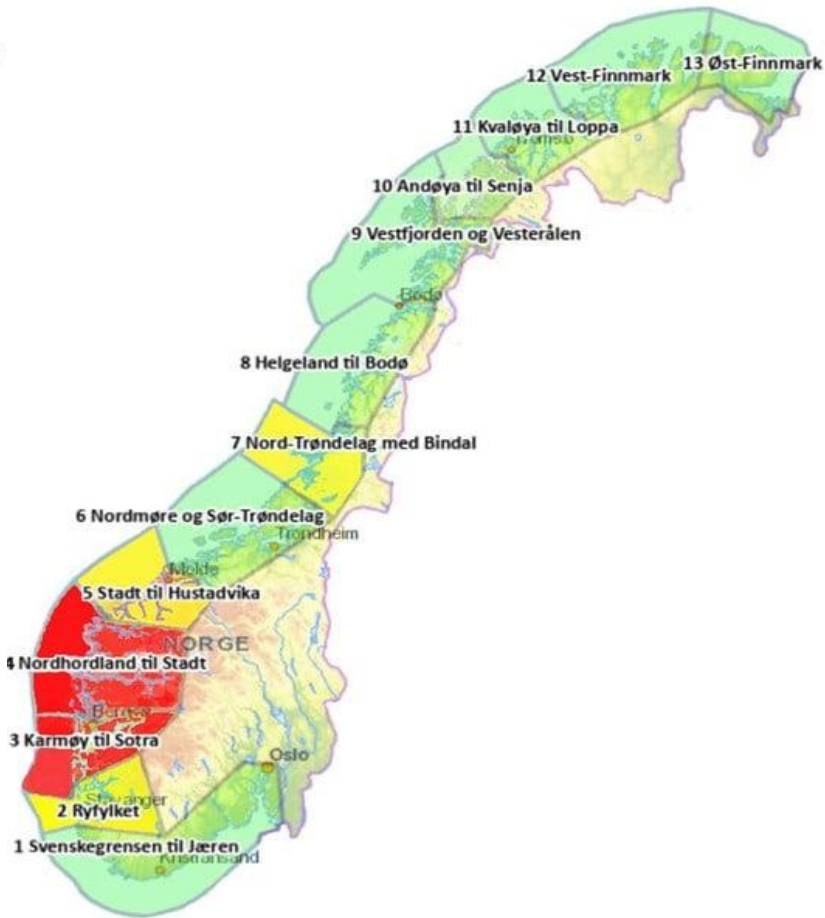


# Regulation of aquaculture in Norway

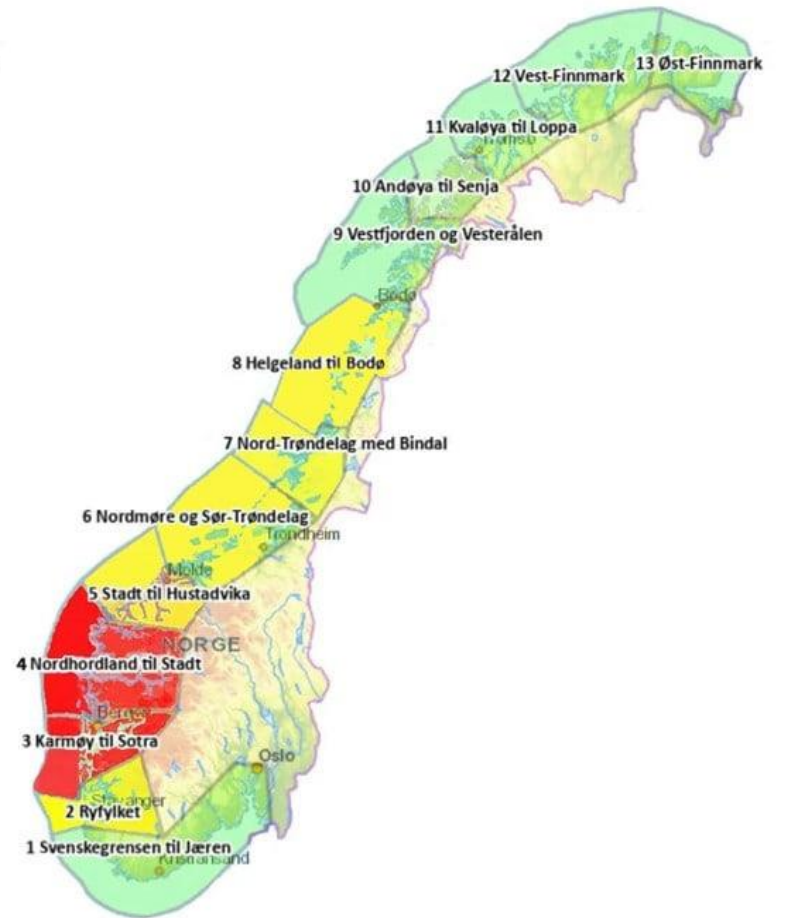
# Regulation of production capacity – traffic light system



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2022



2024

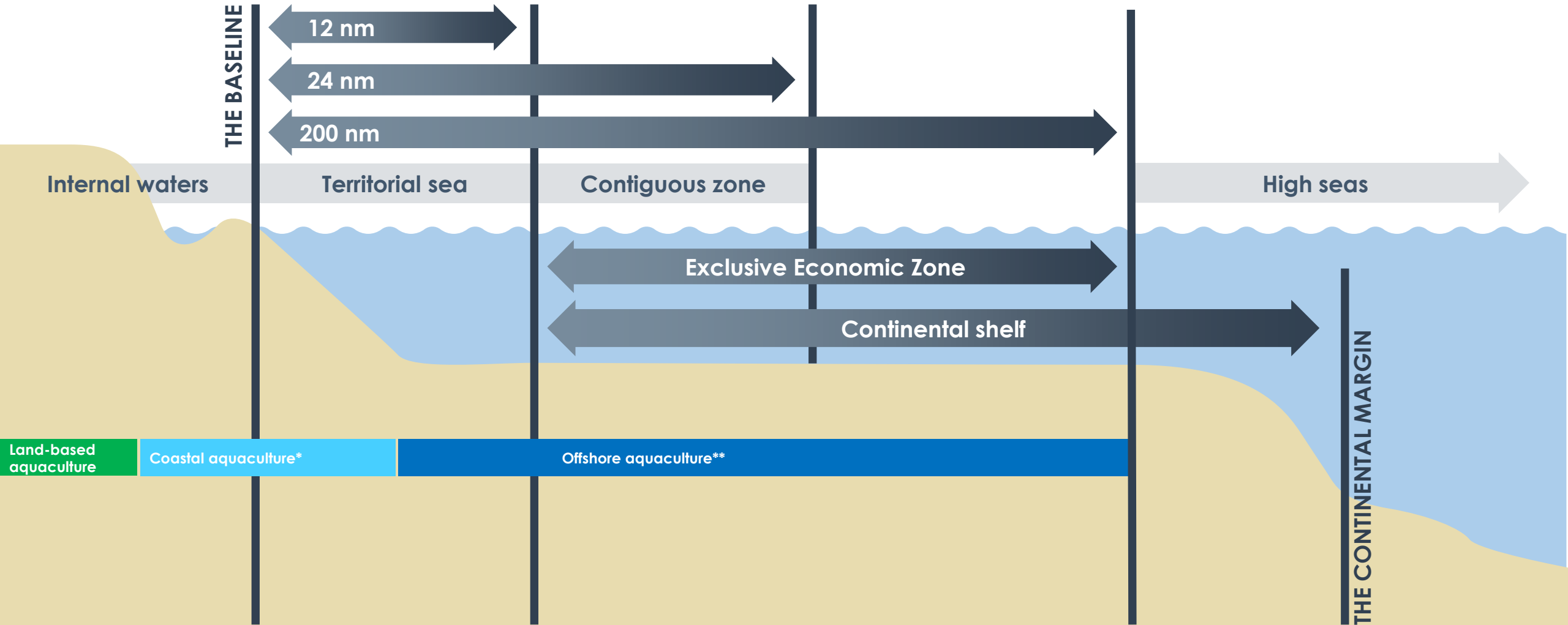


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## New technology and new areas

# Aquaculture activity within Norway's maritime boundaries



\* Aquaculture in defined production areas, governed by the "traffic light system".

\*\* Aquaculture outside the production areas. There is no offshore aquaculture activity today. First licensing round is currently projected to take place in 2025.

# Coastal aquaculture – new production technology

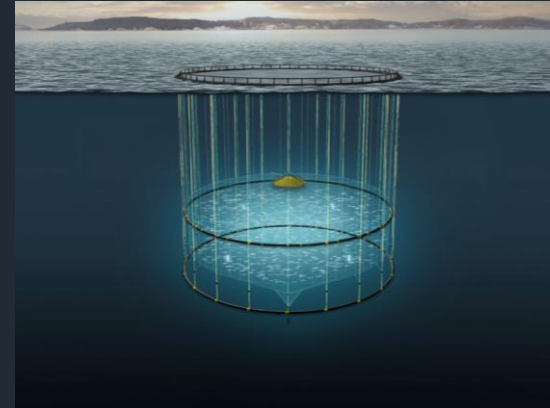


Traditional open net pens



Closed and semi-closed cages

Photo: Ovum AS. Credit: Thomas Morel



Submersible farming solutions

Illustration: AKVA group ASA



Semi-exposed cages

Illustration: Viewpoint Seafood AS

# Coastal aquaculture – environmental technology



Environmental technology scheme first proposed in 2021 – not adopted



Environmental flexibility scheme recommended in NOU 2023:23



Government to propose new regulations for environmental technology in 2024



New regulations adopted in 2025?





# Land-based fish farming



The Ministry working on new regulations



Maintain distinction between the licensing systems for land-based and sea-based aquaculture, and stricter biosecurity requirements



Currently not accepting new applications



New regulations expected by fall 2024



Photo: Hima Seafood AS  
Credit: Ole-Kristian Samuelsen

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# Offshore aquaculture



Main framework setting out the license system is adopted



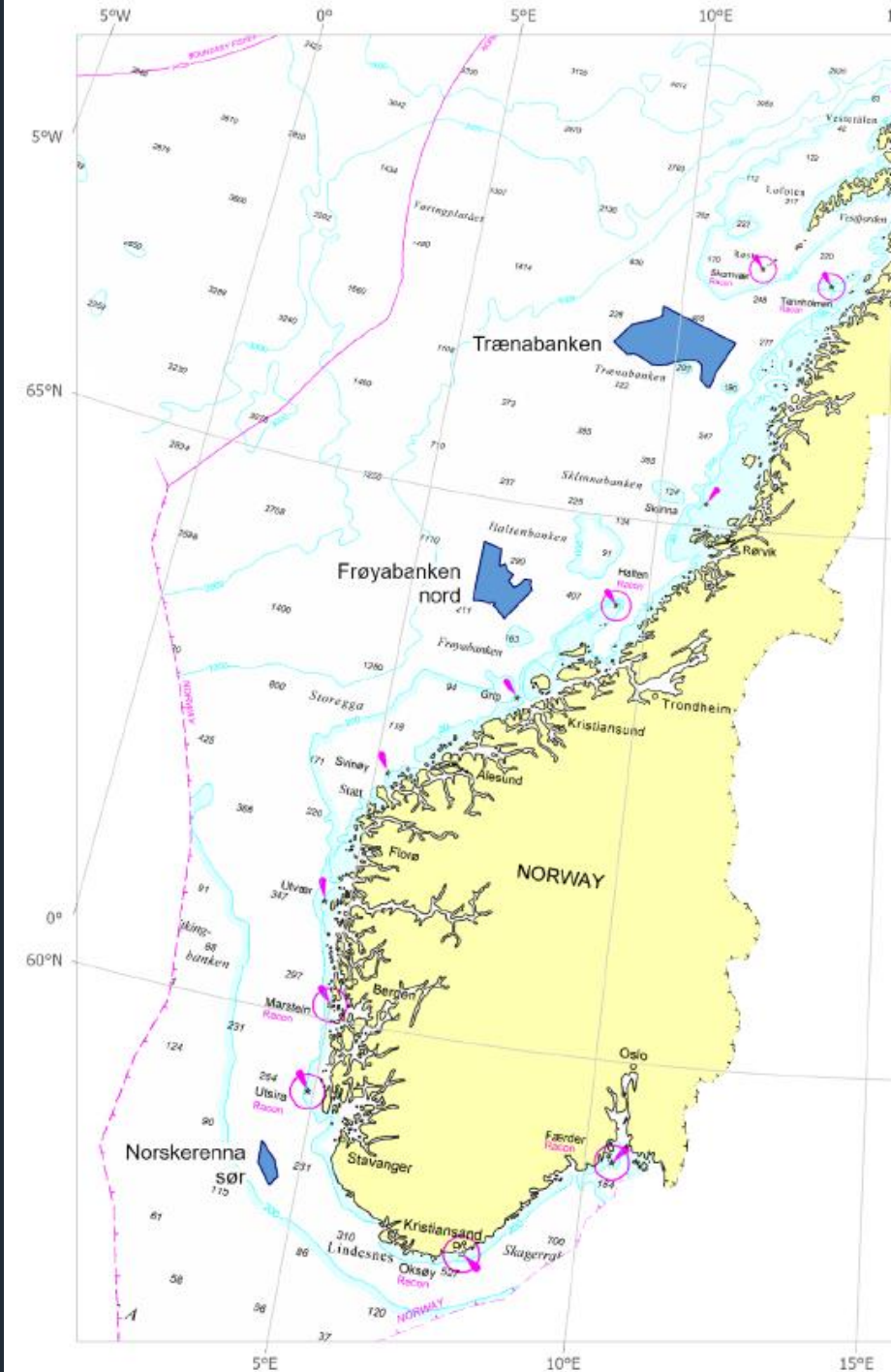
Impact assessment of three suitable areas currently ongoing



First licensing round is expected to take place in 2025



Followed by specific impact assessments etc. before a license giving the right to operate is awarded



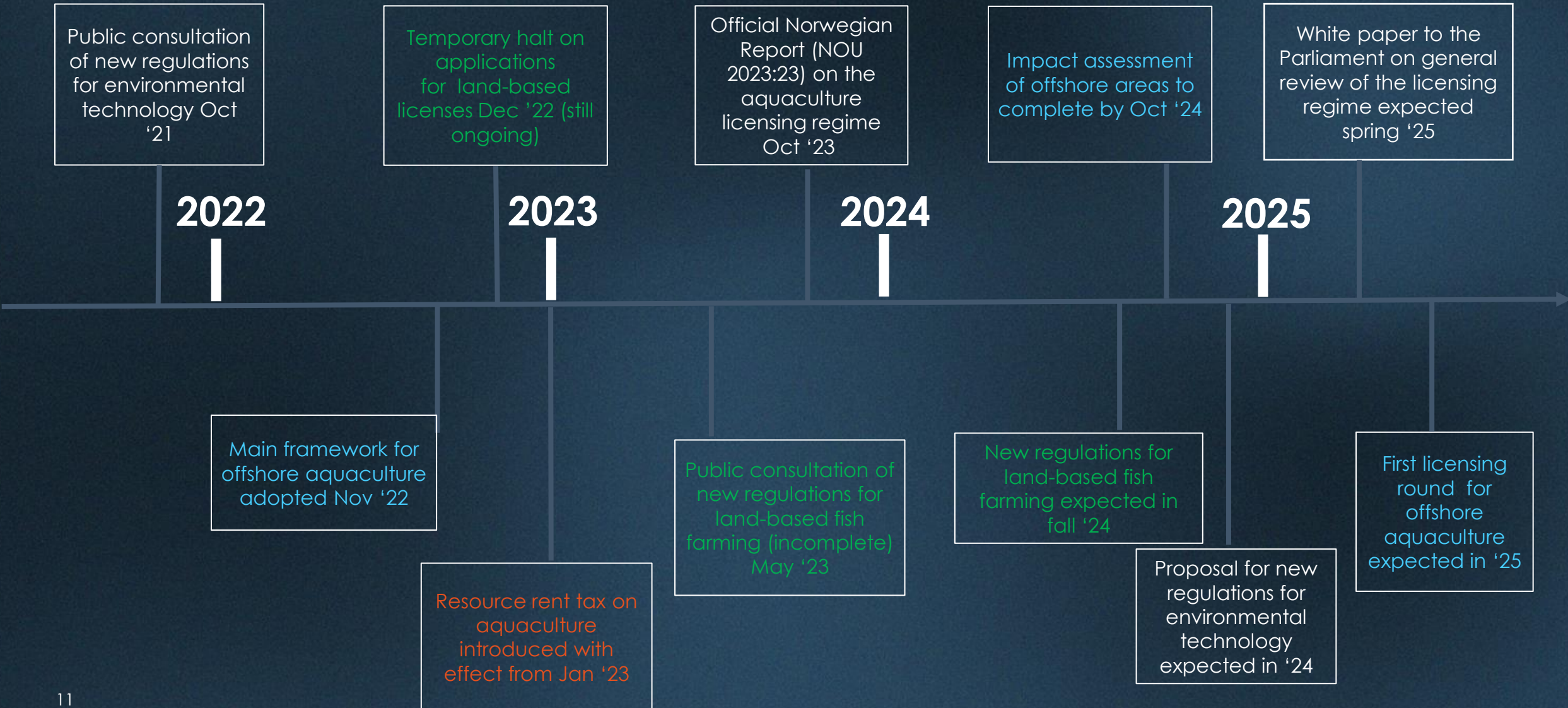
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## Timeline of key regulatory events



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