

To cold stores, buyers and fishermen.

The Directorate of Fisheries has decided to introduce electronic signature for the landing note (landingsveddel) and the contract note (sluttveddel), ref J-23-2020. The sales organisations have established a solution based on mobile phone technology. The implementation is well underway and completed in several of the southern sales organisations.

Norges Råfisklag has started the implementation, and it will lead to change for all. We are doing trials in cooperation with cold stores. Due to the ongoing coronavirus-pandemic with hygiene and quarantine rules, the process has been given priority. E-signature removes the need for fishermen to enter the cold store or buyers office, as they can sign from the vessel.

This means that all who are going to sign must get their personal username and install the CatchSign app on their mobile or pad. This is quite simple and described in the enclosed document "How to get started with e-signature". The method is the same for cold stores, buyers and fishermen. From the app, it is possible to sign, but also refuse signing if errors are discovered. The app also has an archive of signed documents.

The systems for issuing landing and contract notes must be upgraded by the system providers. Råfisklaget is currently in contact with all the providers, and they aim to have upgrades ready as soon as possible. The solution also gives the cold store or buyer the opportunity to make corrections, if the fault is discovered by themselves or the fisherman before signing.

The personal username is generated from Min Side at Råfisklaget's web. Anyone logged in can generate usernames for other people. Buyers for employees, vessel owners for skippers etc. We hope that buyers can help fishermen to get the username. We recommend that the user then changes password after installing the app. The username and app will work in all sales organisations.

The signed documents will eventually replace the printed versions. In the transition period, many will choose to print, but the legally binding version will be the electronic one. The authorities agree to this.

So far, feed-back says that this is both simple and safe. So, get started!

- * Log in at Min Side at rafisklaget.no.
- * Click menu, eSignering and Opprett signeringsbruker.
- * Install the app and log in.
- * Now, the username can be given to the buyer/cold store, and eSign begin!