

Scope for local resource use in the regulatory frameworks relating to natural resources in Sweden and Norway

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Abstract

Northern Europe is often seen as having a specific relation to nature. In this manuscript, the policy and regulatory frameworks in Norway and Sweden are compared when it comes to the scope for local use and adaptation that is provided by the regulatory frameworks relating to natural resources. The paper analyzes the institutional framework for the use of nature and its resources, including hunting, fishing, and reindeer husbandry, with a focus on the Swedish regulations for resource use in relation to the (corresponding) Norwegian Finnmark Act. The study thereby compares the Finnmark Act and the protection it affords local resource users with that in northern Sweden under general Swedish and municipal regulation systems.

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