

The Barents Sea has played and continues to play an important role in the life of coastal states of the Northern Kalott, and the exploitation of its resources should be under the control of these countries. This is the substantiated demand advanced by participants in the meeting at Murmansk.

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Mass Destruction of Starfish Remains a Mystery

Yet another attempt to determine the cause of a massive destruction of starfish in the Gulf of Dvina in the White Sea has ended without results.

This time it is an inter-departmental commission working under the aegis of the USSR Council of Ministers and the USSR Academy of Sciences that has suffered the defeat.

Scientists have rejected a theory about increased radiation and poisoning of the Gulf by rocket fuel components spilled from a submarine that was stricken in December 1989. On the other hand, a story among old timers about containers of mustard gas going down in the White Sea in the 1950's seems to have been confirmed.