

Council

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Additional Returns - European Union (Germany – Lower Saxony)

Note: Return by EU (Germany - Lower Saxony) in relation to the Williamsburg Resolution has been included in paper CNL(05)20.

Returns under Article 15 of the Convention

3. Other Factors Which May Significantly Affect The Abundance Of Salmon Stocks Subject To The Convention (Article 15, Paragraph 5(c))

- (a) Still increasing numbers of stocked fry, pre-smolts or smolts.
- (b) Building of fish passage facilities to improve upstream and downstream migration.

Section 2: Catch Statistics

Annual return of official catch statistics (Article 15, paragraph 1). Please provide the following information:

- 1. Provisional catch of Atlantic salmon for the calendar year 2004 in tonnes round fresh weight or round fresh weight equivalent***

Catch statistics for inland fisheries are not available.

Unreported Catches

1. Description of Management Control and Reporting Systems by Country

Party	Year of Return	Description
European Union		
Germany (Lower Saxony)	2005	Questionnaire is in preparation regarding catches and stocking activities by sportfishing associations.

2. Estimate of unreported catch by country, broken down by category and indicating whether the unreported catch is the result of legal or illegal activities

Party	Estimate (tonnes)	Breakdown
European Union		
Germany (Lower Saxony)	0.15	Estimation: 0.15 metric tons (in-river-fisheries) mainly by sportfishing. Few salmon are also caught as bycatch of commercial fisheries).

3. Explanation of how the figure for unreported catch is arrived at

Party	Year of Return	Explanation
European Union		
Germany (Lower Saxony)	2005	<p><i>Absence of a requirement for catch statistics to be collected: Yes.</i></p> <p><i>Suppression of information thought to be unfavourable: No.</i></p> <p><i>Local sale or consumption: No.</i></p> <p><i>Innocent inaccuracy in making returns: No.</i></p> <p><i>Illegal Fishing: No.</i></p>

4. *The extent of catch and release fishing*

Party	Estimated Number Released	Comment
European Union		
Germany (Lower Saxony)	-	There is no catch and release fishing.

5. *Any measures taken to further minimise the level of unreported catches*

Party	Measures taken
European Union	
Germany (Lower Saxony)	Questionnaire is in preparation regarding catches and stocking activities by sportfishing associations.

***Section 4: Decision Structure for Management of
North Atlantic Salmon Fisheries***

Not applicable.

***Section 5: NASCO Plan of Action for Protection and Restoration of
Atlantic Salmon Habitat***

1. ***Has an inventory of rivers, as envisaged in Annex 2 of the NASCO Plan of Action, been established or updated since the last notification?***

No inventory has been established.

2. ***Has a comprehensive salmon habitat protection and restoration plan been developed in accordance with the aims of the NASCO Plan of Action, or an existing plan updated, since the last notification?***

No salmon habitat protection and restoration plan has been developed.

Section 6: Guidelines on the Use of Stock Rebuilding Programmes

1. ***Provide a summary or list of current stock rebuilding programmes (or similar documents) indicating how copies may be obtained.***

Local activities by sportfishing associations often not well documented.

***Section 8: Guidelines for Incorporating Social and Economic
Factors in Decisions under the Precautionary Approach***

No information provided.