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*Annual Report
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for the Calendar Year 2011
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The Guidelines for the preparation of ‘Implementation Plans and for Reporting on Progress’, NSTF(06)10 (copy attached) indicate that the primary purpose of the annual reports is to provide a summary of all the actions that have been taken under the Implementation Plan in the previous year. In addition, details of any significant changes to the status of stocks, new factors affecting stocks, any changes to the management regime in place, and any changes to the Implementation Plan should be included in the report. Details of actions taken in accordance with Articles 14 and 15 of the Convention are also needed by the Council. **Please provide the following information to the Secretariat by 6 April 2012**

Section 2: A description of any significant changes in the status of stocks and information on catches. The Council has asked that the following information on catches be provided:

- (a) the provisional catch of salmon in tonnes for 2011;**
- (b) the confirmed catch of salmon in tonnes for 2010;**
- (c) an estimate of unreported catch in tonnes for 2011;**
- (d) the number of salmon caught and released in recreational fisheries in 2011.**

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| a) 44 t |
| b) 49 t |
| c) 7 t |
| d) n/a |

Section 3: A description of any new factors which may significantly affect the abundance of salmon stocks.

none

Section 4: An account of all actions taken under the Implementation Plan with regard to the management of salmon fisheries; habitat protection and restoration; aquaculture and related activities; and other influences affecting salmon abundance or diversity (including the marine environment).

Management Action	Reporting Update	Achieved Management Action (Yes, No, Ongoing, Completed)
Fisheries Management		
The project concerning the contingency plan to be drawn up to prevent the spread of <i>Gyrodactylus salaris</i> salmon parasite was in progress.		Ongoing
The Finnish-Norwegian permanent Working Group on Salmon Monitoring and Research in the Tana River System continued its work and reported on the status of the stocks.		Ongoing
Intensified inspection of the right of locals to use the fishing licence and to use a boat. The aim is to prevent misuse of fishing licences held by locals which allow more extensive fishing rights. A reduction of 10% in the use of licences and boats compared to the earlier practise has been achieved.		Ongoing
Development of electronic online sale of licences, promoting electronic collection of catch data from local and tourism		Ongoing
The fishing corporation of the Utsjoki tributary cut the number of gear units to a fifth of the earlier number, which has significantly reduced the fishing especially by the small non-resident		Ongoing

shareholders such as holiday home owners.		
Besides the gear unit restriction, there are several other fishing restrictions or protected areas by local fishing corporations in the tributaries of the River Teno		
Habitat Protection and Restoration		
The River Basin Management Plan for Teno-Näätämöjoki-Paatsjoki river basin district (Finnish area) for years 2010-2015 is implemented. Several measures and policy instruments are suggested that also play a role in preserving natural salmon populations in the area.		Ongoing
Aquaculture and related activities		
Other influences affecting salmon abundance or diversity (including marine environment)		

Section 5: Details of any proposed revisions to the Implementation Plan.

The Negotiations Concerning the Revision of the Agreement between Finland and Norway on Fishing in the River Tenojoki. Preparations are made for continuation of these negotiations in year 2012. New round of negotiations will aim at the modernisation of the existing treaty and for better implementation of the NASCO guidelines.