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*Annual Report
on Actions Taken Under Implementation Plans*

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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.

Section 1: Details of any significant changes to the management outlined in the introduction to the Implementation Plan.

No changes

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.

- (a) 83 tonnes.
- (b) 88 tonnes.
- (c) No estimate provided.
- (d) Catch-and-release catches have typically been high in Russia (average of 36,500 salmon in the 5 years 2004 to 2008) and are believed to have remained at this level. However, there were no obligations to report caught-and-released fish in Russia in 2011. No estimate provided.

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

No new factors

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		
Amendments to the Federal Law “On fisheries and conservation of aquatic biological resources”.	No new amendments came into force in 2011.	Ongoing
Development of bye-laws.	New bye-laws on fisheries came into force in 2011.	Ongoing
New regulations for fisheries.	New fisheries regulations for the Northern fisheries basin were adopted in 2011 and came into force.	Ongoing
Establishing the Commissions on regulation of harvesting the anadromous fish.	The Commissions on regulation of harvesting the anadromous fish have been established on a region-by-region basis.	Completed
Establishing TAC and allocating quotas according to the type of fishery (yearly).	TAC has been established on the region-by-region basis. Quotas have been set for each type of fishery.	Yes
Corrective measures for the fisheries.	Corrective measures for the fisheries are developed by the Regional Commissions on regulation of harvesting the anadromous fish.	Ongoing

Phasing-out commercial fisheries in the coastal area of the White Sea.	Quotas for coastal fisheries in 2011 were set at the same level as in 2010.	No
Increasing quota for recreational fishery by reducing the quota for commercial fishery.	Quotas for recreational fishery were set at the previous year level.	No
Developing further catch-and-release fishery.	Implementation of catch-and-release in the Murmansk region has been under inspection of the environmental public prosecutor's office of the Murmansk region.	No
Habitat Protection and Restoration		
Monitoring of natural salmon habitat.	Continued monitoring	Ongoing
Projects to clear rivers from debris after loose log drifting and restore spawning and nursery habitat at some sites, as the main channel was straightened to ease the log drifting.	Work was carried out at individual sites on the Keret river (Republic of Karelia) and on the Umba river (Murmansk region) to remove wastes from logging and other pollution by mechanical means. Further work is needed to restore spawning and nursery habitat.	Ongoing
Development and implementation of habitat restoration programmes with involvement of companies, which are sources of pollution.	Any economic activity planned on salmon rivers or close to them, must be approved by relevant authorities and conducted in such way as not to damage salmon habitat. The recommendations for habitat restoration have been prepared in accordance with the special order of the Federal Agency for Fishery # 501, 11 June 2009. The detailed Plans of salmon habitat protection, conservation and restoration for specific rivers are under development.	Ongoing

Channelling penalties for pollution to restoration of salmon habitat in water bodies in the area affected by companies, sources of pollution.	If the proposed activity will eventually cause habitat degradation, the damage shall be assessed and compensation payments are directed for enhancement activities and restoration of habitat. Compensation is paid by those responsible for activities that led to unavoidable damage to the Atlantic salmon habitat.	Ongoing
Encouraging and involving users of fisheries sites in habitat protection and restoration	Users of fisheries sites are obliged by the Federal Law to protect and restore fish habitat.	Yes
Aquaculture and related activities		
Ban on import of live fish (eggs only) from other regions and from abroad, compliance with veterinary regulations, development of contingency plans in case of farm escapes, continued studies in areas with fish farming (monitoring, genetic studies)	Live smolts have been imported from Norway in 2011 and placed in cages in fjords of the Murmansk region (Barents sea).	No
Establishing inventory of “fisheries sites” for aquaculture.	An inventory of “fisheries sites” for aquaculture is under development in the Murmansk region.	Ongoing
Development and implementation of new regional regulations for aquaculture. operations at “fisheries sites” on the basis of NASCO recommendations	No new regulations have been developed.	No
Parasitological studies to monitor salmon rivers close to the border between Karelian Republic and Finland for <i>G.salaris</i>	Parasitological studies to monitor salmon rivers are carried out on a yearly basis.	Ongoing
Regulations of the pink salmon fishery.	New regulations have been adopted: all pink salmon can be harvested, fishery is not limited by TAC since 2009.	Yes

Other influences affecting salmon abundance or diversity (including marine environment)		
Monitoring of by-catch of salmon in pelagic fisheries in the Norwegian Sea.	The programme completed. The report was provided to NASCO in 2008.	Completed
Sampling programmes on the fishery for herring and pink salmon in coastal areas of the White Sea to identify potential by-catch of salmon.	No programme was implemented.	No
Assessment of catch composition in marine mixed-stock fisheries that intercept salmon returning to rivers both in Russia and Norway.	<p>The pilot programme “Establishing a genetic baseline of northern salmon populations across the Russian – Norwegian border for management purposes” has been completed. Findings of the pilot project are published in the report: M.-A. Svenning, V. Wennevik, S. Prusov, E. Niemelä and J-P Vähä. Sjølaksefiske i Finnmark: Ressurs og potensial Del II. Genetisk opphav hos atlantisk laks (<i>Salmo salar</i>) fanga av sjølaksefiskere langs kysten av Finnmark sommeren og høsten 2008. – Rapport: Fisken og Havet, Nr. – År 3-2011. – 35 c.</p> <p>In 2011 new the Kolarctic ENPI CBC project “Trilateral cooperation on our common resource; the Atlantic salmon in the Barents region” (KO197) was started. The project, an international cooperation between Norway, Russia and Finland, aims to merge modern science with traditional salmon fishing knowledge to create a future sustainable, long-term and knowledge-based salmon management regime for the common Atlantic salmon</p>	Ongoing

	stocks of the Barents region. The project is funded through EU's Kolarctic ENPI CBC 2007-2013 Programme, national funding and funding from the partners participating.	
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Section 5: Details of any proposed revisions to the Implementation Plan.

No details