



Agenda Item 8.1
For Information

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*Annual Report
on Actions Taken Under Implementation Plans*

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**Annual Report on actions taken under Implementation Plans
for the Calendar Year 2012**

The Guidelines for the Preparation of Implementation Plans and for Reporting on Progress, NSTF(06)10, 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 5 April 2013**

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

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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 2012;**
- (b) the confirmed catch of salmon in tonnes for 2011;**
- (c) an estimate of unreported catch in tonnes for 2012;**
- (d) the number of salmon caught and released in recreational fisheries in 2012.**

(a) 64t (b) 44t (c) 8t (d) n/a

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

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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 finished.		Completed, report published
The permanent Finnish-Norwegian common monitoring and research group for monitoring and research on the river Teno salmon stocks 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		Ongoing

licences, promoting electronic collection of catch data from local and tourism		
The fishing corporation at Utsjoki tributary has continued the stricter rule of number of gear units, which has significantly reduced the fishing especially by the small non-resident shareholders such as holiday home owners.		Ongoing
Besides the gear-unit restriction, there are several other fishing restrictions or protected areas by local fishing corporations in the tributaries of Teno-river		
More restricted practise for traditional drift-net fisheries permissions in state owned water areas in river Teno, significant reduction of the catch effort in early fishing season has been achieved compared to the earlier practise.		Ongoing
Habitat Protection and Restoration		
The River Basin Management Plan for Teno-Näätärojoki-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.		

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.
 Negotiations have continued in year 2012. New round of negotiations is aiming at the modernisation of the existing treaty and for better implementation of the NASCO guidelines.

Section 6: Information on the number of salmon that escaped from salmon farms (both freshwater and marine facilities) in 2012. The Council has asked that information be provided on the number of farmed salmon reported to have escaped from salmon farms together with an estimate, if available, of the number of escaped farmed salmon that was unreported.

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