



Agenda Item 6.1
For Information

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*Annual Progress Report
on Actions Taken Under Implementation Plans for the Calendar Year 2013*

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The primary purposes of the Annual Progress Reports are to provide details of:

- any changes to the management regime for salmon and consequent changes to the Implementation Plan;
- actions that have been taken under the Implementation Plan in the previous year;
- significant changes to the status of stocks, and a report on catches; and
- actions taken in accordance with the provisions of the Convention

These reports will be reviewed by the Council. Please complete this form and return it to the Secretariat **by 1 April 2014**.

Party:	European Union
Jurisdiction/Region:	Finland

1: Changes to the Implementation Plan
1.1 Describe any proposed revisions to the Implementation Plan and, where appropriate, provide a revised plan.
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1.2 Describe any major new initiatives or achievements for salmon conservation and management that you wish to highlight.
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2: Stock status and catches.
2.1 Provide a description of any significant changes in the status of stocks relative to the reference points described in the Implementation Plan and of any new factors which may significantly affect the abundance of salmon stocks.

2.2 Provide the following information on catches:(nominal catch equals reported quantity of salmon caught and retained in tonnes ‘round fresh weight’ (i.e. weight of whole, ungutted, unfrozen fish) or ‘round fresh weight equivalent’).				
	In-river	Estuarine	Coastal	Total
(a) provisional nominal catch (which may be subject to revision) for 2013 (tonnes)	46			46
(b) confirmed nominal catch of salmon for 2012 (tonnes)	64			64
(c) estimated unreported catch for 2013 (tonnes)	7			7
(d) number and percentage of salmon caught and released in recreational fisheries in 2013.	na			

3: Implementation Plan Actions.

3.1 Provide an update on progress against actions relating to the Management of Salmon Fisheries (section 2.8 of the Implementation Plan)

Action F1:	Description of Action:	Preparation of the new fishery agreement between Norway and Finland is underway (concerning river fisheries, coastal fishery is the responsibility of Norwegian national management)
	Expected Outcome:	New restrictions, decrease in fishing mortality in relation to reference point achievement
	Monitoring/Enforcement Results:	New fishery agreement under preparation, estimation of the efficiency of optional measures and targeting these measures according to new genetic data.
	Ongoing/completed:	ongoing
	Achieved objective?	better knowledge to make management decisions
Action F2:	Description of Action:	Spawning targets (CLs) have been established and annually assessed for five tributaries of the Teno river. In 2014, new and revised CLs have been set for most of the tributaries and the main stem of the River Teno, and will be assessed for compliance in future.
	Expected Outcome:	More accurate spawning targets in more rivers enable better coverage in stock status assessment in the large, versatile Teno system.
	Monitoring/Enforcement Results:	
	Ongoing/completed:	ongoing
	Achieved objective?	

3.2 Provide an update on progress against actions relating to Habitat Protection and Restoration (<i>section 3.4 of the Implementation Plan</i>)		
Action H1:	Description of Action:	Recommendations have been given to road constructors and regional authorities responsible for road-building to avoid small migration barriers and erosion.
	Expected Outcome:	no new problematic areas
	Monitoring/Enforcement Results:	no noteworthy road constructions done
	Ongoing/completed:	ongoing
	Achieved objective?	no new migration barriers
	Ongoing/completed:	
	Achieved objective?	

3.3 Provide an update on progress against actions relating to Aquaculture, Introductions and Transfers and Transgenics (<i>section 4.8 of the Implementation Plan</i>)		
Action A1:	Description of Action:	Continue the spread of information. New legislation in Finland 2010.
	Expected Outcome:	Spread of <i>Gyrodactylus salaris</i> is prevented
	Monitoring/Enforcement Results:	Information about G. salaris prevention was given, disinfection stations for fishing gears were operated
	Ongoing/completed:	ongoing
	Achieved objective?	Spread of <i>Gyrodactylus salaris</i> remains prevented
Action A2:	Description of Action:	Continuation of monitoring. Other measures are mostly Norwegian responsibility. No new actions planned
	Expected Outcome:	Ongoing monitoring
	Monitoring/Enforcement Results:	Monitoring has been carried out
	Ongoing/completed:	ongoing
	Achieved objective?	

4: Additional information required under the Convention	
4.1	Details of any laws, regulations and programmes that have been adopted or repealed since the last notification.
4.2	Details of any new commitments concerning the adoption or maintenance in force for specified periods of time of conservation, restoration and other management measures.

4.3 Details of any new actions to prohibit fishing for salmon beyond 12 nautical miles.
4.4 Details of any new actions to invite the attention of States not Party to the Convention to matters relating to the activities of its vessels which could adversely affect salmon stocks subject to the Convention.
4.5 Details of any actions taken to implement regulatory measures under Article 13 of the Convention including imposition of adequate penalties for violations.