



Agenda Item 5.1
For Information

Council

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***Annual Progress Report
on Actions Taken Under Implementation Plans for the Calendar Year 2014***

***Denmark (in respect of the Faroe Islands and Greenland)
Faroe Islands***

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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 2015**.

Party:	Denmark
Jurisdiction/Region:	Faroe Islands

1: Changes to the Implementation Plan
1.1 Describe any proposed revisions to the Implementation Plan <i>(Where changes are proposed, the revised Implementation Plans should be submitted to the Secretariat by 1 December).</i>
No revisions to the Implementation Plan are planned.
1.2 Describe any major new initiatives or achievements for salmon conservation and management that you wish to highlight.
No major new initiatives or achievements for salmon conservation and management but consistent with the scientific advice no salmon fishery was conducted in the waters around the Faroe Islands in 2014 (see action F1). There is interest in conducting a research fishery for salmon in the Faroes not least because of the findings of the genetic study reported to the IASRB in 2014 (see SAG(14)6) and the implications of this for the development of a Risk Framework and the provision of catch advice. Any proposal for research fishing will be discussed with NASCO Parties.

2: Stock status and catches.

2.1 Provide a description of any new factors which may significantly affect the abundance of salmon stocks and, if there has been any significant change in stock status since the development of the Implementation Plan, provide a brief (200 word max) summary of these changes.

See 2014 ICES Advisory Committee report, CNL(14)8. Recruitment (PFA) of maturing and non-maturing 1SW salmon for northern NEAC shows a general decline over the time period, the decline being more marked in the maturing 1SW stock. Both stock complexes have, however, been at full reproductive capacity (i.e. >95% probability of achieving CLs) prior to the commencement of distant-water fisheries throughout the time-series. Recruitment of maturing 1SW and non-maturing 1SW salmon for southern NEAC also demonstrate broadly similar declining trends over the time period. Both stock complexes were at full reproductive capacity prior to the commencement of distant-water fisheries throughout the early part of the time-series. Since the mid-1990s, however, the non-maturing 1SW stock has been at risk of suffering reduced reproductive capacity in approximately 50% of the assessment years. The maturing 1SW stock, on the other hand, was first assessed as being at risk of suffering reduced reproductive capacity in 2009. This is broadly consistent with the general pattern of decline in marine survival in most monitored stocks in the area.

There are no new factors in Faroese waters 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 2014 (tonnes)	0	0	0	0
(b) confirmed nominal catch of salmon for 2013 (tonnes)	0	0	0	0
(c) estimated unreported catch for 2014 (tonnes)	0	0	0	0
(d) number and percentage of salmon caught and released in recreational fisheries in 2014.	0			

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).

Note: The reports under 'Progress on Action to Date' should provide a brief overview with a quantitative measure of progress made. While referring to additional material (e.g. via links to websites) may assist those seeking more detailed information, this will not be evaluated by the Review Group.

Action F1:	Description of Action (as submitted in the IP):	The Faroe Islands will continue to manage any salmon fishery through international cooperation and on the basis of the advice from ICES regarding the stocks contributing to the Faroese salmon fishery in a precautionary manner and with a view to sustainability.
	Expected Outcome (as submitted in the IP):	
	Progress on Action to Date (see note above):	Consistent with the advice from ICES, no salmon fishery was conducted by the Faroe Islands in 2014 in order to contribute to the conservation and rebuilding of the Atlantic salmon stocks
	Current Status of Action (e.g. 'Not started'; 'Ongoing'; 'Completed'):	Ongoing (completed for 2014)
	If 'Completed', has the Action achieved its objective?	Achieved for 2014

3.2 Provide an update on progress against actions relating to Habitat Protection and Restoration (Section 3.4 of the Implementation Plan).

Note: The reports under 'Progress on Action to Date' should provide a brief overview with a quantitative measure of progress made. While referring to additional material (e.g. via links to websites) may assist those seeking more detailed information, this will not be evaluated by the Review Group.

Action H1:	Description of Action (as submitted in the IP):	
	Expected Outcome (as submitted in the IP):	
	Progress on Action to Date (see note above):	
	Current Status of Action (e.g. 'Not started'; 'Ongoing'; 'Completed'):	
	If Completed, has the Action achieved its objective?	

3.3 Provide an update on progress against actions relating to Aquaculture, Introductions and Transfers and Transgenics (Section 4.8 of the Implementation Plan).

Note: The reports under 'Progress on Action to Date' should provide a brief overview with a quantitative measure of progress made. While referring to additional material (e.g. via links to websites) may assist those seeking more detailed information, this will not be evaluated by the Review Group.

Action A1:	Description of Action (as submitted in the IP):	Continue to apply NASCO's 'Williamsburg Resolution' and 'Guidance on Best Management Practices to Address
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		Impacts of Sea Lice and Escaped Farmed Salmon on Wild Salmon Stocks' in order to minimise the risk of impacts from salmon farming on wild Atlantic salmon.
	Expected Outcome (as submitted in the IP):	Continuing progress in reducing sea lice and escapees.
	Progress on Action to Date (see note above):	Monitoring and enforcement by the Faroese Veterinary Authority continued during 2014 and had there been issue with regards to sea lice and containment, these matters would have been dealt with in accordance with the regulatory procedures. Transgenic salmon farming is not allowed according to Veterinary Law regulating salmon farming, and therefore this practise does not occur in the Faroe Islands.
	Current Status of Action (e.g. 'Not started'; 'Ongoing'; 'Completed'):	Ongoing (completed for 2014)
	If Completed, has the Action achieved its objective?	Yes

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.
No new laws, regulations and programmes 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.
There have been no 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.
There has been no salmon fishery at the Faroe Islands for many years.
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.
No new actions taken.
4.5 Details of any actions taken to implement regulatory measures under Article 13 of the Convention including imposition of adequate penalties for violations.

In accordance with the NASCO multi-annual decision, NEA(12)7, no salmon fishery was conducted by the Faroe Islands in 2014.