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***Annual Progress Report
on Actions Taken Under the Implementation Plan for the Calendar Year 2016***

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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 **no later than 24 March 2017**.

Party:	European Union
Jurisdiction/Region:	Finland

1: Changes to the Implementation Plan

1.1 Describe any proposed revisions to the Implementation Plan

(Where changes are proposed, the revised Implementation Plans should be submitted to the Secretariat by 1 December).

1.2 Describe any major new initiatives or achievements for salmon conservation and management that you wish to highlight.

New agreement between Finland and Norway was signed in September 2016 and it will come into effect in May 2017. Fishing rules reduce fishing time with all gear types used. Aim is to reduce fishing mortality by 30 %, in order to enable recovery of weak salmon stocks especially in the upper reaches of the Teno-riversystem. New agreement is in line with the NASCO recommendations concerning management of salmon fisheries.

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.

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 2016 (tonnes)	51			
(b) confirmed nominal catch of salmon for 2015 (tonnes)	45			
(c) estimated unreported catch for 2016 (tonnes)	2			
(d) number and percentage of salmon caught and released in recreational fisheries in 2016.	NA (very small numbers)			

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	Description of Action (as submitted in the IP)	
F1:		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 (as submitted in the IP)	New restrictions, decrease in fishing mortality in relation to reference point achievement.
	Progress on Action to Date (Provide a brief overview with a quantitative measure of progress. Other material (e.g. website links) will not be evaluated.)	<p>New agreement was finalized in September 2016 and it will come into effect in May 2017. Fishing rules target on reduction of fishing mortality by 30 %, focusing on weak stocks. New agreement is in line with the NASCO recommendations concerning management of salmon fisheries.</p> <p>As the Agreement will come into force, focus is on the implementation of the new Agreement and involvement of different stakeholder groups to this work River Tenö. (new fishing rules for all gear types and mandatory catch reporting system, for example)</p> <p>In River Näätsämöjoki monitoring data on the salmon stock has been collected and improved, including juvenile surveys, catch statistics, catch sampling (sea age composition) etc.</p> <p>In River Näätsämönjoki, local co-operation among fishing right owners has resulted in voluntary reduction of their fishing effort in latest years.</p>

	Current Status of Action	Completed
	If 'Completed', has the Action achieved its objective?	yes
Action F2:	Description of Action (as submitted in the IP)	Spawning targets have been established and annually assessed for five tributaries of the Teno river. Bilateral collaboration between Finland and Norway is underway for defining targets for more tributaries.
	Expected Outcome (as submitted in the IP)	More accurate spawning targets in more rivers enable better coverage in stock status assessment in the large, versatile Teno system.
	Progress on Action to Date (Provide a brief overview with a quantitative measure of progress. Other material (e.g. website links) will not be evaluated.)	Spawning targets have been established for all major tributary populations and the main stem of the Teno river. Ten tributaries and the main stem have been assessed for stock status evaluation, i.e. target attainment. Adding more populations to the assessment is unlikely in near future because of lack of resources. Methods for assessing compliance are developing, e.g. sonar estimates of the numbers of ascending salmon have been used to improve evaluation in two tributaries in 2015-2016, and sonar will be used at a third one in 2017.
	Current Status of Action	Ongoing
	If 'Completed', has the Action achieved its objective?	yes, current spawning target assessments give sufficient information for management decisions

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)	Recommendations have been given to road constructors and regional authorities responsible for road-building to avoid small migration barriers and erosion.
	Expected Outcome (as submitted in the IP)	No new problematic areas.
	Progress on Action to Date (Provide a brief overview with a quantitative measure of progress. Other material (e.g. website links) will not be evaluated.)	Recommendations have been followed. No new road constructions done. The area is very remote, mostly wilderness. Very sparse road network.
	Current Status of Action	Ongoing
	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 the spread of information. New legislation in Finland 2010.
	Expected Outcome (as submitted in the IP)	Spread of <i>Gyrodactylus salaris</i> is prevented.
	Progress on Action to Date (Provide a brief overview with a quantitative measure of progress. Other material (e.g. website links) will not be evaluated.)	Information and network of disinfection stations have functioned in a planned manner, no infected areas found.
	Current Status of Action	Ongoing
	If Completed, has the Action achieved its objective?	
Action A2:	Description of Action (as submitted in the IP)	Continuation of monitoring. Other measures are mostly Norwegian responsibility. No new actions planned.
	Expected Outcome (as submitted in the IP)	
	Progress on Action to Date (Provide a brief overview with a quantitative measure of progress. Other material (e.g. website links) will not be evaluated.)	Monitoring was carried out according to planned. Number of escaped Salmon remained on a very low level, as in previous Years
	Current Status of Action	Ongoing
	If Completed, has the Action achieved its 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.