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***Annual Progress Report
on Actions Taken Under the Implementation Plan for the Calendar Year 2017***

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

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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 29 March 2018**.

Party:	Denmark
Jurisdiction/Region:	Greenland

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 changes proposed.	
1.2 Describe any major new initiatives or achievements for salmon conservation and management that you wish to highlight.	
In 2016, a parr and smolt-monitoring program of the kapisillit river was initiated. Electrofishing and mark recapture experiments in the river indicated that although high, the number of parr and smolt is smaller than similar investigations performed in 1959. The Greenland Institute of Natural resources will start up a yearly monitoring program from 2018.	

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: <i>(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’).</i>				
	In-river	Estuarine	Coastal	Total
(a) provisional nominal catch (which may be subject to revision) for 2017 (tonnes)	Unreported catch. Likely around 50-150 salmon per year	Included under “In-river”.	West - 27.8 East - 0.3	28.0
(b) confirmed nominal catch of salmon for 2016 (tonnes)				27.1
(c) estimated unreported catch for 2017 (tonnes)				
(d) number and percentage of salmon caught and released in recreational fisheries in 2017	<1 % (Most of the fishery is gillnetting)			

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 <i>(as submitted in the IP)</i>	Evaluation of the reporting system implemented in 2012 through the new Government of Greenland Executive Order on Salmon Fisheries.
	Expected Outcome <i>(as submitted in the IP)</i>	Improved reporting and data.
	Progress on Action to Date <i>(Provide a brief overview with a quantitative measure of progress. Other material (e.g. website links) will not be evaluated.)</i>	The Executive Order was amended in 2015 following the adoption of a new multi-annual regulatory measure in that year. Since 2015, the hunting officers from the Greenland fisheries license control authority has increased their activities related to salmon. Activities has involved meetings with fishermen and the public in cities/towns and settlements, patrolling the known salmon fishery sites, conducting direct control of fishermen on the fishing grounds and removal of gillnets that were not in accordance with regulations. Furthermore, since 2015, phone surveys of the licensed fishermen have been carried out annually. It is expected that these actions will also improve knowledge about regulations, decrease non-reported catches and improve our knowledge about un-reported catch in the licensed segment. In spite of the survey and the increased information effort, the reporting percentage for the licensed

		fishermen segment is still only around 30 %. However, the estimate of unreported catch from the licensed fishermen decreased from 20 t in the 2014 season, to 5 t in 2015 and 4.25 t in the 2016 season. No estimate is available for the 2017 season. The phone interviews have also indicated that the majority of the fishermen that failed to report catch had only minor or no salmon catch to report.
	Current Status of Action	Ongoing
	If 'Completed', has the Action achieved its objective?	
Action F2:	Description of Action <i>(as submitted in the IP)</i>	In July 2012 a quota for landings to fish factories in the internal-use only fishery was set. Review and revise as necessary the quota.
	Expected Outcome <i>(as submitted in the IP)</i>	Improved control of the harvest/fishery.
	Progress on Action to Date <i>(Provide a brief overview with a quantitative measure of progress. Other material (e.g. website links) will not be evaluated.)</i>	Landings to fish factories were not allowed in 2017
	Current Status of Action	Ongoing
	If 'Completed', has the Action achieved its objective?	

3.2 Provide an update on progress against actions relating to Habitat Protection and Restoration (Section 3.4 of the Implementation Plan). <i>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.</i>		
Action H1:	Description of Action <i>(as submitted in the IP)</i>	A protection plan for the Kapisillit River stock and entire river area is currently undergoing a hearing process.
	Expected Outcome <i>(as submitted in the IP)</i>	Protection of the entire river area including adjacent estuarine area from anthropogenic effects (pollution, development, agriculture and gillnetting) and specifying rules of public access (including fishery).
	Progress on Action to Date <i>(Provide a brief overview with a quantitative measure of progress. Other material (e.g. website links) will not be evaluated.)</i>	There are no obvious human disturbances to the Kapisillit river. Initial steps towards a protection plan for the Kapisillit River was previously initiated. However, there has been no further progress. The protection plan is still not implemented and the process seems to have stopped. There is currently no legislative protection of the Kapisillit river salmon stock and no management measures for the stock has not been set. Recent investigations indicate a reduced genetic variability and reduced parr and smolt production in

		the stock compared to the 1950's, thus indicating that the current fishing pressure is too high.
	Current Status of Action	Not started
	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).

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Action A1:	Description of Action (as submitted in the IP)	
	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.)	
	Current Status of Action	
	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.	
	No new items	
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.	
	Latest changes to regulations took place in 2015.	
4.3	Details of any new actions to prohibit fishing for salmon beyond 12 nautical miles.	
	Fishery targeting salmon beyond 12 nm is already prohibited / illegal by law in Greenland.	
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.	