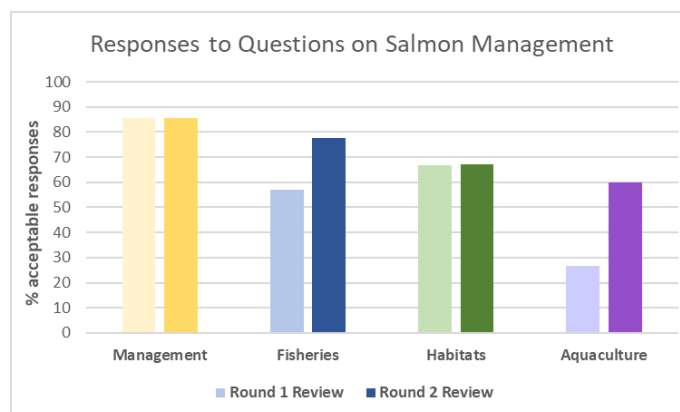


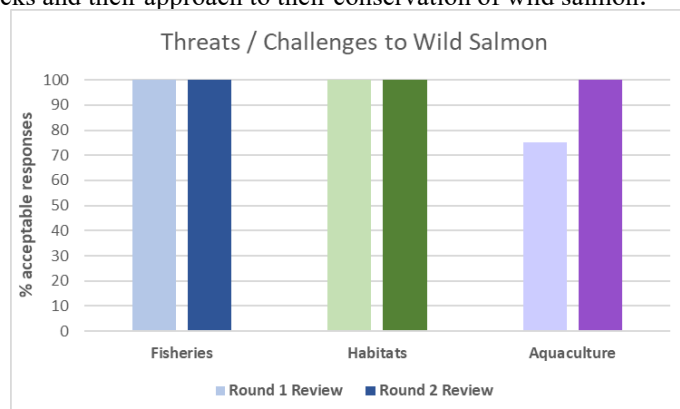
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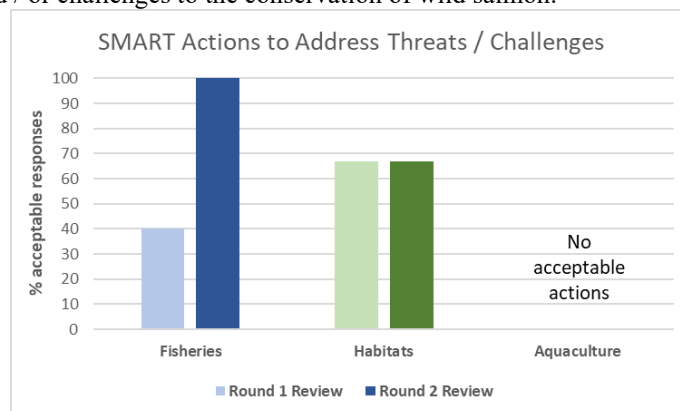
The Review Group considers the Implementation Plan to be acceptable subject to revision. The diagrams below show the overview of the Review Group's evaluation of Canada's Implementation Plan to show the progress towards its full acceptability*.



In this section, Parties / jurisdictions were asked about the status of their stocks and their approach to their conservation of wild salmon.



In this section, Parties / jurisdictions were asked to identify their threats and / or challenges to the conservation of wild salmon.



In this section, Parties / jurisdictions were asked to provide clear (SMART) actions addressing the identified threats / challenges to the conservation of wild salmon.

It is apparent that clear improvements have been made between evaluations in Canada's Implementation Plan in the area of Fisheries Management. The responses to the defined questions have improved and all four actions in this area are now considered by the Review Group as SMART.

The Review Group has no major status changes to report between the reviews on the questions and actions associated with the Protection and Restoration of Salmon Habitat. However, work is still necessary in this area to achieve full acceptability.

While the revised Implementation Plan has provided improved responses to questions relating to Management of Aquaculture, Introductions and Transfers, and Transgenics, further work is necessary to provide acceptable SMART actions to address the threats identified; none of the actions provided were considered to be acceptable.

The Review Group considered that the threats and / or challenges to the management of wild Atlantic salmon identified under each theme are all now related clearly to NASCO's Resolutions, Agreements and Guidelines.

The Review Group considered that the responses to questions 2.1 and 3.3 are some of the best examples of answers to these questions across the various Implementation Plans. For question 2.2, the Review Group considered that Canada's response describes the decision making process well and how the management actions relate to the stock-reference limits. The Review Group considered that Canada's response to question 3.3 is a very clear example of how socio-economic factors are taken into consideration in salmon management. Finally, Action H3 is considered to be a clear example of a SMART action, with well-defined objectives and an approach to monitoring.

Parties / jurisdictions should include actions on mixed-stock fisheries, sea lice management and containment on salmon farms, where these are present. Canada's Implementation Plan contains these mandatory actions. However, the Review Group considered that the actions on sea lice and containment require substantial revision to be in line with the Implementation Plan Guidelines, CNL(18)49.

Overall, the Review Group acknowledged that the request to reduce the length of many responses had been addressed and welcomed the progress made by Canada in its revised Implementation Plan.

Parties to NASCO have committed to the conservation of wild Atlantic salmon. Implementation Plans set out their planned actions and are reviewed by an expert Review Group. Reporting is carried out annually on these Plans (see www.nasco.int).

*Full acceptability means that the Implementation Plan meets the criteria set out by the Council of NASCO in its Guidelines for the Preparation and Evaluation of NASCO Implementation Plans and for Reporting on Progress, CNL(18)49.