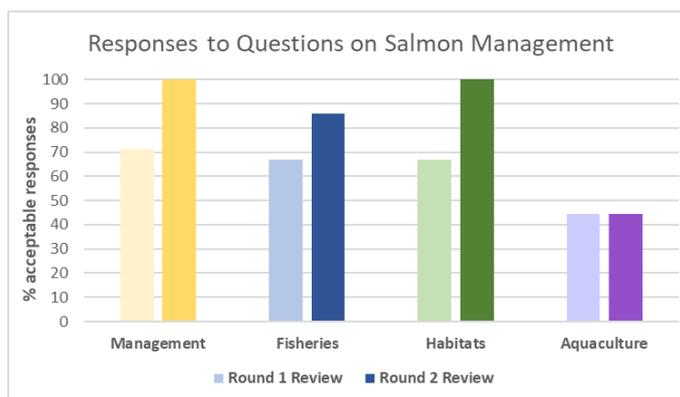


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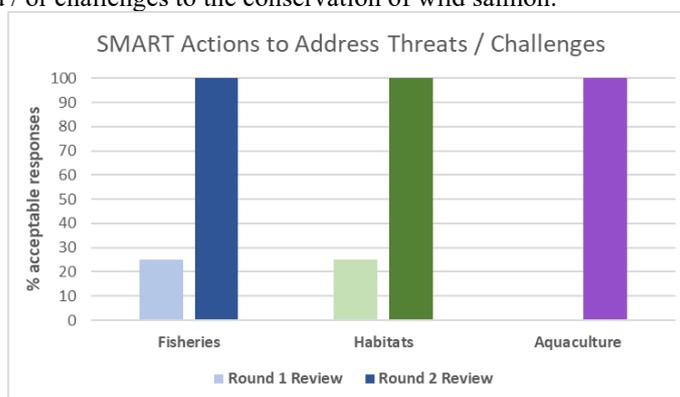
The Review Group considers the Implementation Plan to be acceptable subject to revision. The diagrams below show the overview of the Review Group's evaluation of EU – France's Implementation Plan to show the progress towards its full acceptability*.



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 significant improvements have been made between evaluations in EU – France’s Implementation Plan in the area of Fisheries Management. The responses to the questions have improved and all actions in this area are now considered by the Review Group to be SMART.

The Review Group noted improvements to the responses to the questions and actions associated with the Protection and Restoration of Salmon Habitat. All actions in this area are now considered to be SMART.

While the responses to questions relating to Management of Aquaculture, Introductions and Transfers, and Transgenics, need further work, the actions to address the threats identified in this area are all now considered to be acceptable and SMART.

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

The Review Group particularly appreciated the progress made by EU – France in setting out acceptable SMART actions on sea lice and containment. The Review Group also appreciates that EU – France has taken the effort to identify both the threats to wild salmon and the challenges for management in each of the three theme areas.

Parties / jurisdictions should include actions on mixed-stock fisheries, sea lice management and containment on salmon farms, where these are present. An action on mixed-stock fisheries is not applicable to EU – France. Mandatory actions on sea lice and containment are included.

Overall, the Review Group welcomed the progress made by EU – France in their 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.