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Evaluation of the Revised Implementation Plan under the Third Reporting Cycle (2019 – 2024) from the Review Group to EU – Germany

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 – Germany'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 EU – Germany's Implementation Plan in the area of Fisheries Management. The responses to the questions were

considered to be acceptable in Round 1. After revision, all of the actions in this area are now also considered to be acceptable and SMART by the Review Group.

The Implementation Plan has also improved in relation to the Protection and Restoration of Salmon Habitat. The actions are all now considered to be acceptable, although some further work is necessary on the responses to the questions in this area.

EU – Germany's responses to questions relating to Management of Aquaculture, Introductions and Transfers, and Transgenics were considered to be acceptable in Round 1. The Review Group considered that all of the SMART actions to address the threats identified were acceptable after revision.

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 considers that the response to question 4.8 provides a good overview of the EU legislative framework in relation to transgenics. The Review Group considered Action H4 to be a clear example of a SMART action, with well-defined SMART descriptors.

Parties / jurisdictions should include actions on mixed-stock fisheries, sea lice management and containment on salmon farms, where these are present. No mandatory actions are applicable to EU – Germany.

Overall, the Review Group welcomed the significant progress EU – Germany has made 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 <u>www.nasco.int</u>).

*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.