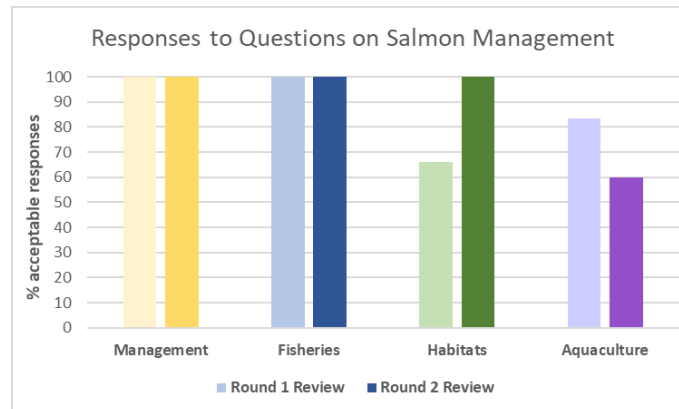


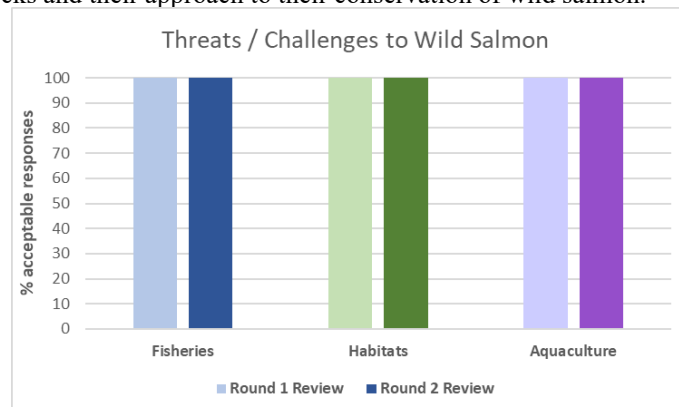
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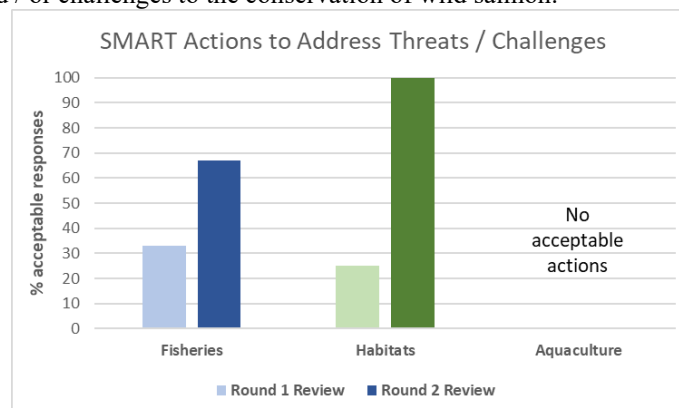
The Review Group considers the Implementation Plan to be acceptable subject to revision. The diagrams below show the overview of the Review Group’s evaluation of EU – Ireland’s Implementation Plan to show the progress towards its full acceptability*.



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 – Ireland’s Implementation Plan in the area of Fisheries Management. While the responses to the questions were considered acceptable in Round 1, the actions have now improved, although some work is still necessary before they will all be considered to be SMART by the Review Group.

Improvements have been made as well in response to the questions and actions associated with the Protection and Restoration of Salmon Habitat. All responses to questions are now considered to be acceptable, and all actions SMART.

However, EU – Ireland continues to have work to do in its Implementation Plan in relation to the Management of Aquaculture, Introductions and Transfers, and Transgenics. In particular, the Review Group noted that none of the actions in this area 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 related clearly to NASCO’s Resolutions, Agreements and Guidelines.

The Review Group considered the response to question 1.4 to provide a clear and succinct explanation. Additionally, the Review Group considered the response to question 2.6 to be a very clear and full response, demonstrating good compliance with appropriate sanctions where necessary. The Review Group also considered Action H2 to be a very clear description of a SMART action, listing clear milestones and targets.

Parties / jurisdictions should include actions on mixed-stock fisheries, sea lice management and containment on salmon farms, where these are present. A mandatory action on mixed-stock fisheries is not included. 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 welcomed the progress made by EU – Ireland 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.