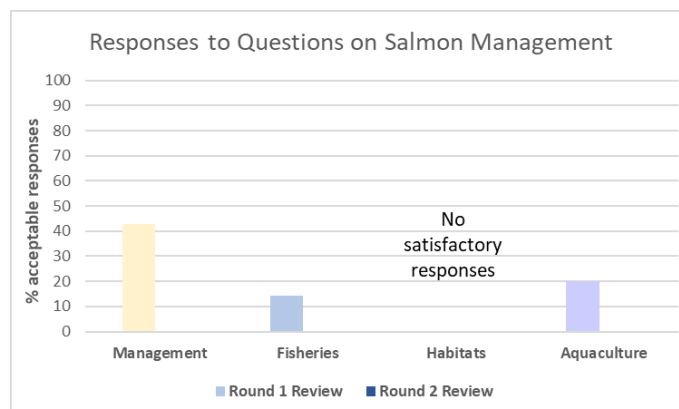


## *IP(19)36\_EU – Spain (Galicia)*

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

The Review Group considers the Implementation Plan to be acceptable subject to revision.

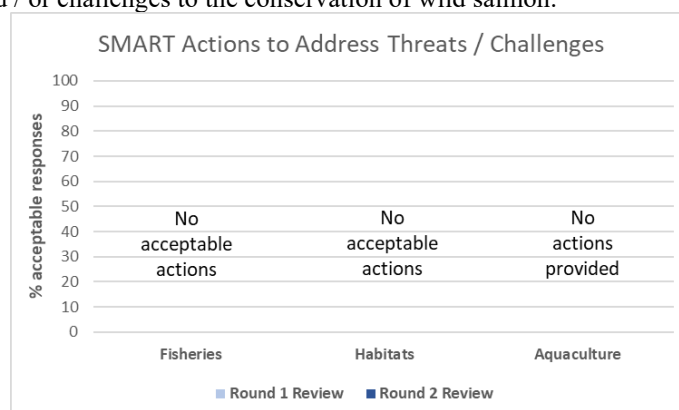
The diagrams below show the overview of the Review Group’s evaluation of EU – Spain (Galicia)’s Implementation Plan in relation to full acceptability\*.



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.

The Review Group noted that EU – Spain (Galicia) did not submit a revised Implementation Plan following the first round Implementation Plan review. Following correspondence with the

Secretariat, EU – Spain (Galicia) indicated that the first round Implementation Plan was not modified after the competent authority reviewed it, as they considered the original Implementation Plan met the NASCO criteria.

The Review Group discussed this correspondence and concluded that the assessments provided from the first review were still valid. The Review Group recommends strongly that EU – Spain (Galicia) considers submitting a revised Implementation Plan.

In the first round of review, the Review Group stated that actions were developed for two of the relevant theme areas (Management of Salmon Fisheries, and Protection and Restoration of Salmon Habitat). However, the Review Group considered that none of these actions used the ‘SMART’ approach as outlined in the Implementation Plan Guidelines, and, therefore, could not be used to assess progress objectively across the life of the Implementation Plan.

The actions proposed were not clearly linked to the threats and challenges, and thus could not be considered to be SMART. However, the Review Group considered that Actions H1 and H2 were generally in line with the other SMART descriptors.

The Review Group considered that the threats and challenges identified were clearly related to NASCO’s Resolutions, Agreements and Guidelines. Answers to most of the questions were provided; however, the Review Group considered many of the answers unclear and thus unsatisfactory.

Parties / jurisdictions should include actions on mixed-stock fisheries, sea lice management and containment on salmon farms, where these are present. It is unclear whether the Miño fishery is a mixed-stock fishery and whether a mandatory action should be included. Mandatory actions on sea lice and containment should be included.

Thus, there remain many areas of the Implementation Plan that the Review Group considered not to be acceptable in accordance with the Implementation Plan Guidelines.

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](http://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.