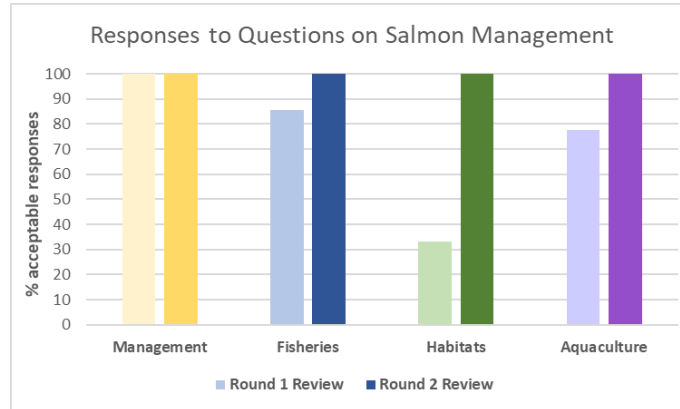


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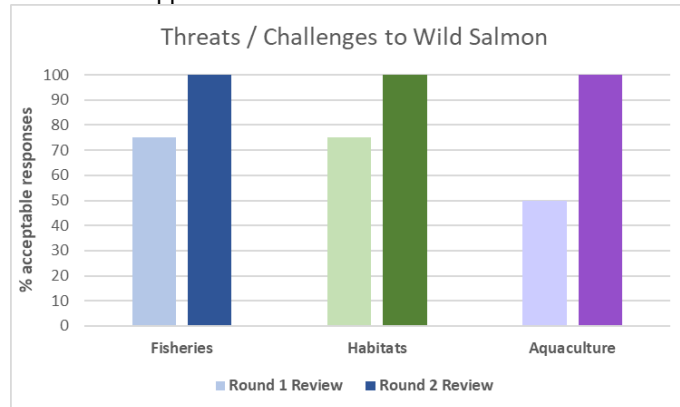
Evaluation of the Revised Implementation Plan under the Third Reporting Cycle (2019 – 2024) from the Review Group to EU – Sweden

The Review Group considers the Implementation Plan to be fully acceptable.

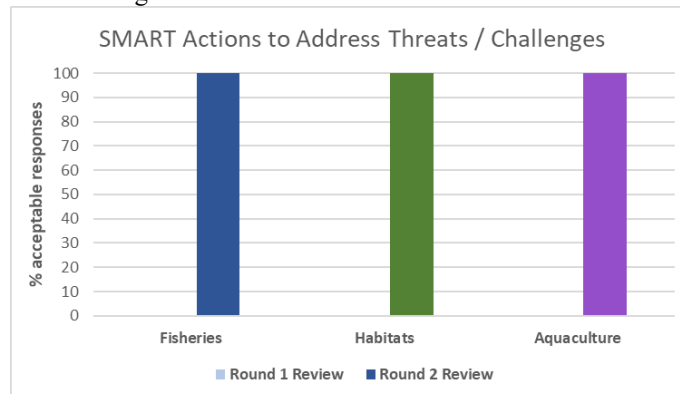
The diagrams below show the overview of the Review Group’s evaluation of EU – Sweden’s Implementation Plan to show the progress towards its full acceptability*.



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 – Sweden’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 between the reviews on the questions and actions associated with the Protection and Restoration of Salmon Habitat. All questions and actions are now considered to be acceptable.

Similarly, the revised Implementation Plan has provided improved responses to questions relating to Management of Aquaculture, Introductions and Transfers, and Transgenics. All responses to questions are now considered to be acceptable, and all actions in this area are 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 now related clearly to NASCO’s Resolutions, Agreements and Guidelines.

The Review Group considered that the response to Questions 3.2 is thorough. It described the process taken to incorporate socio-economic factors into account very well. The Review Group considered the response to Questions 4.9 to be a good comprehensive response to show what is being done in relation to the ‘Road Map’.

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 included. Actions on sea lice and containment are not applicable to EU – Sweden.

Overall, the Review Group welcomed the progress made by EU – Sweden to make their revised Implementation Plan fully acceptable.

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.