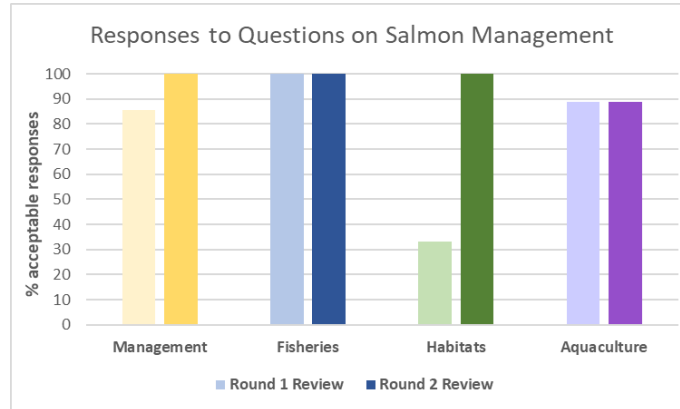


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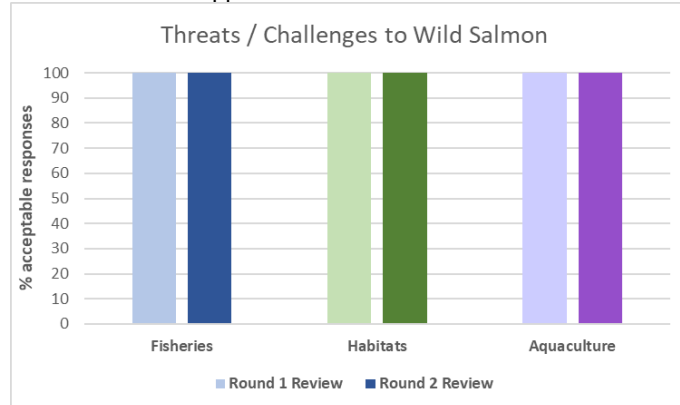
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The Review Group considers the Implementation Plan to be acceptable subject to revision.

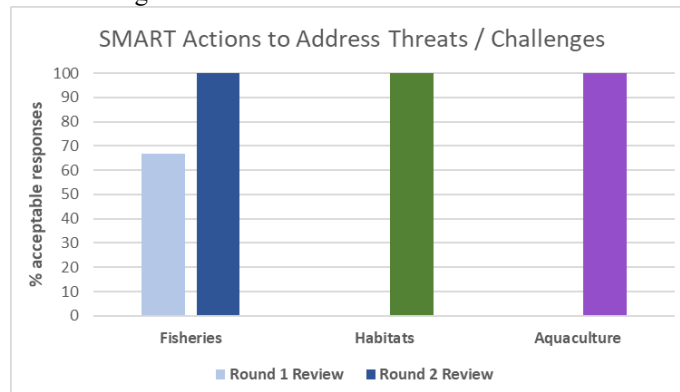
The diagrams below show the overview of the Review Group’s evaluation of EU – UK (England & Wales)’s Implementation Plan to show the progress towards its full acceptability*.



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 – UK (England and Wales)’s Implementation Plan in the area of Fisheries Management. The

responses to the questions remain acceptable and all actions in this area are now considered by the Review Group as SMART.

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

In relation to the Management of Aquaculture, Introductions and Transfers, and Transgenics, further work is needed to provide acceptable responses to the questions; however, SMART actions have been provided to address the threats identified.

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 the response to question 2.5 to be a very clear example of an answer to this question across the various plans. The Review Group considered that the answer given in response to question 4.7 is very clear and commends EU – UK (England and Wales) on its clarity. The Review Group considered the response to question 4.9 to be a very succinct way of referring to all of 11 recommendations in 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 – UK (England and Wales).

Overall, the Review Group welcomed the progress made by EU – UK (England and Wales) 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.