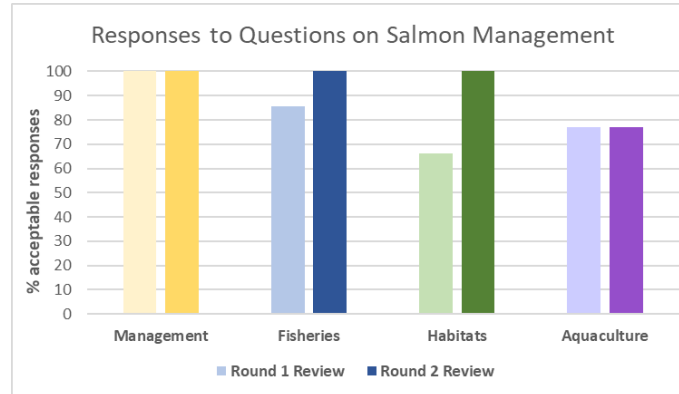


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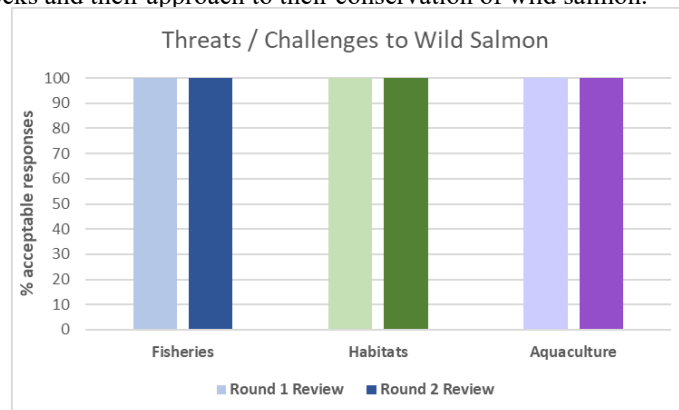
Evaluation of the Revised Implementation Plan under the Third Reporting Cycle (2019 – 2024) from the Review Group to EU – UK (Northern Ireland)

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

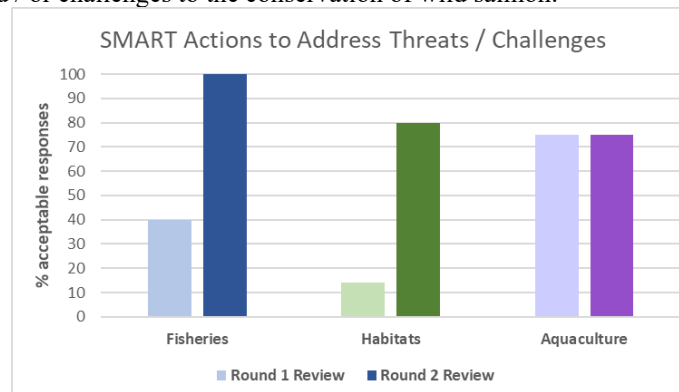
The diagrams below show the overview of the Review Group’s evaluation of EU – UK (Northern Ireland)’s Implementation Plan to show the progress towards its full acceptability*.



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 – UK (Northern Ireland)’s Implementation Plan in the area of Fisheries Management. The responses

to the defined questions have improved and all actions in this area are now considered by the Review Group to be SMART.

There are clear improvements in the area of Protection and Restoration of Salmon Habitat. All responses to questions are now acceptable, although further work is needed to the actions in this area.

The Review Group has no major status changes to report between the reviews on the questions and actions associated with Management of Aquaculture, Introductions and Transfers. Further work is needed in this area.

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 2.5 to be a very clear response to describing how socio-economic factors are taken into account in making decisions on management of salmon fisheries. The Review Group considered the response to question 4.9 to be a very clear answer, responding very clearly to each of the eleven 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. An action on mixed-stock fisheries is not applicable to EU – UK (Northern Ireland). Mandatory actions on sea lice and containment are included.

Overall, the Review Group welcomed the progress made by EU – UK (Northern 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.