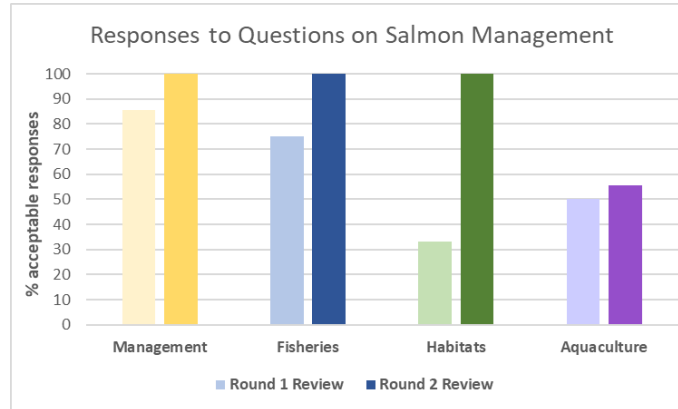


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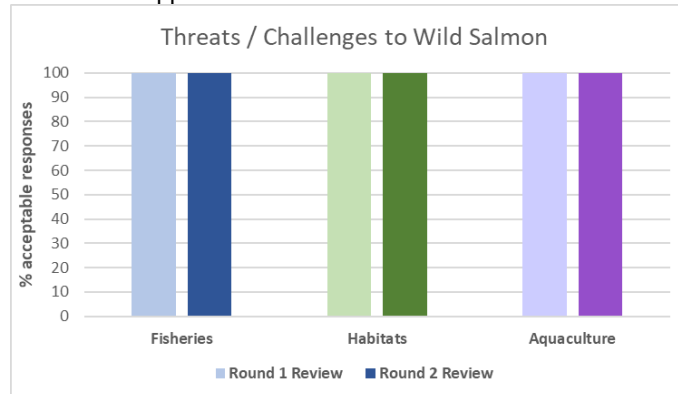
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The Review Group considers the Implementation Plan to be acceptable subject to revision.

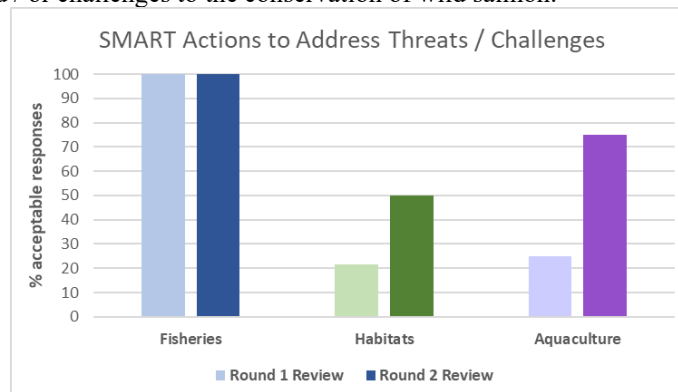
The diagrams below show the overview of the Review Group’s evaluation of EU – UK (Scotland)’s Implementation Plan to show the progress towards its full acceptability\*.



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 improvements have been made in EU – UK (Scotland)'s Implementation Plan in the area of Fisheries Management. The responses to the questions have improved and the actions in this area remain SMART.

Improvements have also been made to responses to the questions and actions associated with the Protection and Restoration of Salmon Habitat. However, work is still necessary to ensure that all actions in this area can be considered to be acceptable by the Review Group.

While the revised Implementation Plan has provided improved responses to questions relating to Management of Aquaculture, Introductions and Transfers, and Transgenics, further work is necessary to both the responses to the questions and to the actions 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 considered that the response to question 1.2. is a welcome addition to Scotland's salmon management and a good description of the methods used to develop reference points in Scotland. Additionally, the response to question 3.3(a) is one of the best examples of an answer to this question across various Plans.

To assist the Review Group in their review of the Annual Progress Report it would be helpful if each action could be numbered individually e.g. Action F1-1, F2-2, F2-3 instead of Action F1, F1(cont.), F1 (cont.) etc.

Parties / jurisdictions should include actions on mixed-stock fisheries, sea lice management and containment on salmon farms, where these are present. EU – UK (Scotland) has included mandatory actions on mixed-stock fisheries and sea lice management. No mandatory action on containment is included.

Overall, the Review Group welcomed the progress made by EU – UK (Scotland) 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](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.