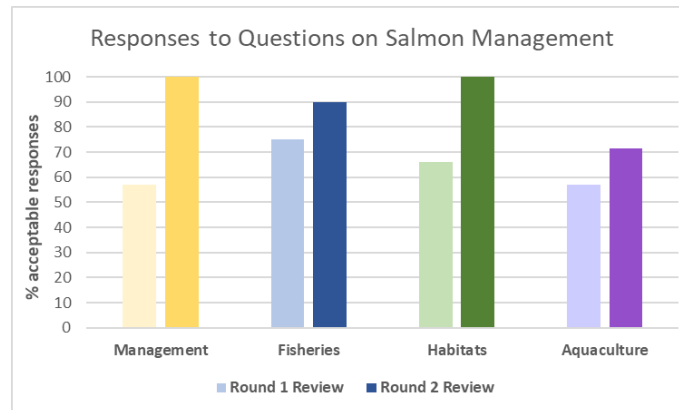


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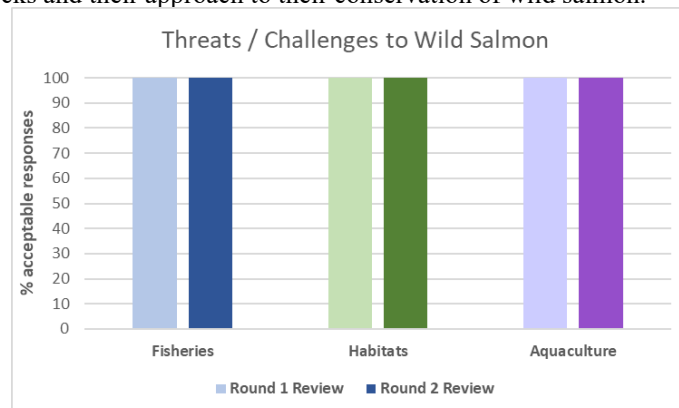
Evaluation of the Revised Implementation Plan under the Third Reporting Cycle (2019 – 2024) from the Review Group to the Russian Federation

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

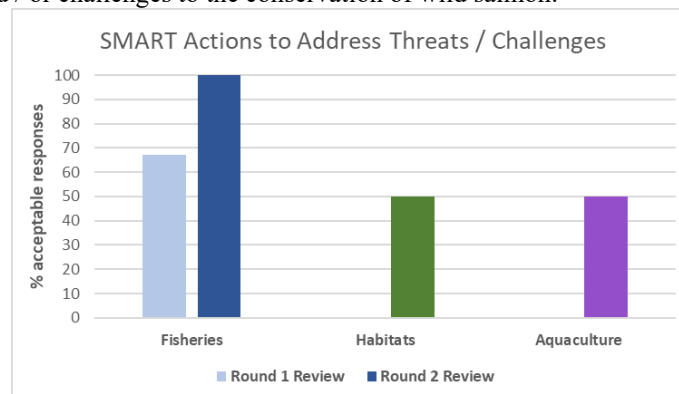
The diagrams below show the overview of the Review Group’s evaluation of the Russian Federation’s Implementation Plan to show the progress towards its full acceptability*.



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 in the Russian Federation’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 as SMART.

The revised Implementation Plan has provided acceptable responses to questions relating to the Protection and Restoration of Salmon Habitat, although further work is necessary to provide acceptable SMART actions to address the threats identified in this area.

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 both to the responses to the questions and to produce SMART 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 Russian Federation's response to question 1.1 is a very good description of the overall objectives for the management of wild Atlantic salmon. Additionally, the RG appreciated that the Russian Federation has taken the effort to identify both the threats to wild salmon and the challenges for management in each of the three theme areas.

Parties / jurisdictions should include actions on mixed-stock fisheries, sea lice management and containment on salmon farms, where these are present. The Russian Federation's Implementation Plan contains these mandatory actions. However, the Review Group considered that the actions on sea lice and containment require substantial revision to be in line with the Implementation Plan Guidelines, CNL(18)49.

Overall, the Review Group welcomed the progress made by the Russian Federation 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.