## IYS(19)01\_EU – UK (Northern Ireland)

## Report on Actions and Activities to Deliver the International Year of the Salmon (IYS) Initiative, July 2018 to June 2019

The primary purpose of this IYS reporting template is for Parties / jurisdictions to provide:

- brief details of actions, activities (events and projects) being planned or undertaken as a contribution to the IYS;
- identify which of the five IYS themes these actions and activities are delivering on;
- identify whether actions, activities (events and projects) being planned will be delivering outreach and communication,
- identify the target audiences the actions and activities intend to reach;
- specify the timeframe for undertaking the actions and activities.

This information will then enable the North Atlantic Steering Committee (NASC) to report to the NASCO Council and IYS partners in the Pacific about activities and actions planned and occurring in the Atlantic region as part of the IYS. It is our intention that the template is easy to complete with a brief description (maximum 200 words) of the action or activity, followed by marking the appropriate tick boxes. To give an example of what is being sought, the first row of the table has been completed with an illustration. Events and projects that have been registered on the IYS website are included here, in addition to any actions from the 2018 reports that fall into the time period of July 2018 to June 2019. In the 2018 meeting of the NASCO Council the Parties agreed that reports on IYS activities and actions should be provided by the jurisdictions in 2019 and in 2020. Please complete this form and return it to the Secretariat **by 12 April 2019**.

For your reference the IYS themes appearing in the table are detailed further below:

Theme 1: Status of Salmon: to understand the present status of salmon and their environments

Theme 2: Salmon in a changing salmosphere: to understand and quantify the effects of natural environmental variability and anthropogenic factors affecting salmon distribution and abundance and to make projections of their future changes

Theme 3: New Frontiers: to develop new technologies and analytical methods to advance salmon science and to explore the uncharted regions of the salmosphere.

Theme 4: *Human Dimension*: to improve the resilience of people and salmon through the connection and collaboration of salmon-dependent communities, indigenous peoples, youth, harvesters and resource managers across the salmosphere.

Theme 5: Information Systems: to develop an integrated archive of accessible electronic data collected during the IYS and tools to support future research.

## Additionally:

**Outreach and communication:** improving public and political awareness of; salmon's cultural, social, and economic importance; and the challenges salmon face from major environmental changes and human impacts.

Party / jurisdiction: EU – UK (Northern Irelan					Time line		
Short description of the action	IYS Theme		Target audience		Start Date	End Date	
and fishermen, Coleraine Responsible body: The Honourable The Irish Society, The	Theme 1: Status of Salmon	$\boxtimes$			31/01/2019	31/01/2019	
	Theme 2: Salmon in a changing salmosphere		Decision makers				
	Theme 3: New Frontiers						
	Theme 4: <i>Human Dimension</i>		Public	$\boxtimes$			
	Theme 5: Information		Children/Youth				
	Systems		Knowledgeable public	$\boxtimes$			
	Outreach and Communications	$\boxtimes$					
Free Workshop – flycasting instruction and invertebrate monitoring to mark and promote the International Year of the Salmon	Theme 1: Status of Salmon				09/02/2019	09/02/2019	
	Theme 2: Salmon in a changing salmosphere		Decision makers				
	Theme 3: New Frontiers		Public				
	Theme 4: Human Dimension			$\boxtimes$			
	Theme 5: Information		Children/Youth				
	Systems		Knowledgeable public				
	Outreach and Communications	$\boxtimes$					
The Two Great Game Fairs	Theme 1: Status of Salmon		Decision makers		15/06/2019	16/06/2019	
Downpatrick, Northern Ireland, UK <b>Objective:</b> The intention to have a specially dedicated branded International Year of the Salmon Pavilion at two	Theme 2: <i>Salmon in a</i>						
	changing salmosphere		Public	$\boxtimes$			
award winning game fairs (in Northern Ireland and the	Theme 3: <i>New Frontiers</i>		Children/Youth	$\boxtimes$			
Republic of Ireland).	Theme 4: <i>Human Dimension</i> Theme 5: <i>Information</i>		Knowledgeable public	$\boxtimes$			

Responsible body: Country Lifestyle Exhibitions Ltd	Systems					
	Outreach and					
	Communications	$\boxtimes$				
A Home Fit For A King	Theme 1: Status of Salmon				16/03/2019	16/03/2019
River Faughan, Northern Ireland, UK		_				
	Theme 2: <i>Salmon in a</i>			_		
<b>Objective:</b> The Atlantic Salmon is called the King of Fish,	changing salmosphere		Decision makers			
and so my project is called 'A Home Fit For A King'. The	Theme 3: New Frontiers		Public	$\boxtimes$		
objective of the project is to make the River Faughan as pristine as possible through cleaning up rubbish and plastic	Thomas A. Human Dimension		Public			
waste and getting people involved through word of mouth and	Theme 4: Human Dimension		Children/Youth	$\boxtimes$		
social media. The hope is that other anglers in other rivers will	Theme 5: Information					
feel inspired to take action in their home waters.	Systems		Knowledgeable public	$\boxtimes$		
Responsible body: River Faughan Anglers Ltd	Outreach and					
Responsible body. Rever i auguan rengiers Etu	Communications	$\boxtimes$				
SeaMonitor	Theme 1: Status of Salmon	$\boxtimes$			10/04/2019	10/04/2019
IYS Launch at Loughs Agency as part of a programme of						
celebration events. This was also the launch of the	Theme 2: Salmon in a changing salmosphere	$\boxtimes$	Destations			
SeaMonitor EU supported programme of research which will	chunging suimosphere		Decision makers	$\boxtimes$		
include trying to improve our understanding of salmon on their journey from freshwater to the marine environment	Theme 3: New Frontiers	$\boxtimes$	Public	$\boxtimes$		
between the coast of Ireland and Scotland. The event was	Theme 4: Human Dimension		1 done			
streamed live on the internet.			Children/Youth			
	Theme 5: <i>Information</i>	_				
Responsible body: Loughs Agency	Systems		Knowledgeable public	$\boxtimes$		
	Outreach and					
	Communications	$\boxtimes$				
Riverwatch	Theme 1: Status of Salmon	$\boxtimes$			10/04/2019	Click or tap to
Loughs Agency education centre, Riverwatch captures the	Theme 2: Salmon in a		Decision makers			enter a date.
journey of the river, the essence of the local environment and	changing salmosphere					
the variety of life through aquarium tanks, local video footage and displays. This Loughs Agency visitor centre is open to the	changing sumosphere		Public	$\boxtimes$		
public and Salmon is just one of the species on display. IYS	Theme 3: New Frontiers					
will be displayed in the centre throughout this year to highlight	Theme 4: Human Dimension	$\boxtimes$	Children/Youth	$\boxtimes$		
the IYS event and visitors will be informed of the status of		<b>ت</b> ے		_		
salmon in local rivers and in the NE Atlantic as part of the	Theme 5: <i>Information</i>	_	Knowledgeable public			
guided tour on offer.	Systems					

Responsible body: Loughs Agency	Outreach and					
	Communications	$\boxtimes$				
Loughs Agency - Photography Competition – To celebrate	Theme 1: Status of Salmon				18/02/2019	31/03/2019
IYS, young, amateur and professional photographers are						
encouraged to submit terrestrial and aerial photographs against	Theme 2: <i>Salmon in a</i>	_				
the following themes:	changing salmosphere					
- The Atlantic Salmon in celebration of International	Theme 3: New Frontiers					
Year of the Salmon.		_	Decision makers			
<ul> <li>Landscapes and seascapes that have as their subject</li> </ul>	Theme 4: Human Dimension	$\boxtimes$				
the river or marine environments within Foyle and	Theme 5: Information		Public	$\boxtimes$		
Carlingford catchments.	Systems					
- Wildlife of Foyle and Carlingford that have the river			Children/Youth	$\boxtimes$		
or marine environment as their natural habitat.	Outreach and					
Prizes are £250, £150 and £100 vouchers. Entry deadline	Communications	$\boxtimes$	Knowledgeable public			
closes 31/3/19. Judging and exhibition of artwork to take						
place at Loughs Agency after closing date.						
Responsible body: Loughs Agency						
The Bushmills Salmon & Whiskey Festival is an event to	Theme 1: Status of Salmon	$\boxtimes$			07/06/2019	09/06/2019
celebrate the region's local heritage, culture and produce. It	Theme 2: Salmon in a					
provides visitors with a two-day treat of fantastic entertainment,	changing salmosphere					
live music, delicious food and much more on the Causeway	changing sumosphere		Decision makers	$\boxtimes$		
Coast. As part of the event the River Bush Salmon Station salmon	Theme 3: New Frontiers					
research facility will be open to the public for the 8 <sup>th</sup> and 9 <sup>th</sup> of	Thoma 4. Human Dimension		Public	$\boxtimes$		
June. Guided tours of the facility will be available to the public	Theme 4: Human Dimension					
to inform them of the conservation and research work being	Theme 5: Information		Children/Youth	$\boxtimes$		
carried out there and of the status of salmon in NI and the wider	Systems					
NE Atlantic.			Knowledgeable public	$\boxtimes$		
	Outreach and					
Responsible body: DAERA	Communications	$\boxtimes$				
<b>IYS Visitors Centre</b> – At the River Bush Salmon Station a	Theme 1: Status of Salmon	$\boxtimes$	Decision melters		24/06/2019	31/10/2019
small permanent visitors centre will be opened through the			Decision makers	$\boxtimes$		
working week from June until the end of October 2019. This	Theme 2: Salmon in a	_	Dublic			
will allow visitors to learn about the scientific work carried out	changing salmosphere		Public	$\boxtimes$		
at the facility on salmon and to understand the status of salmon both locally and in the international setting. The two	Theme 3: New Frontiers		Children/Youth	$\boxtimes$		

promotional videos produced will be run on a continuous loop so that visitors may view their content. Responsible body: DAERA	Theme 4: <i>Human Dimension</i> Theme 5: <i>Information</i> <i>Systems</i>		Knowledgeable public			
	Outreach and	57				
Educational Videos - DAERA as part of the IYS	<i>Communications</i> Theme 1: <i>Status of Salmon</i>				03/06/2019	01/01/2021
commissioned two videos - DAERA as part of the TTS commissioned two videos to be viewed by the public. The first was aimed at school children and is an animation about the life cycle of the salmon. The pictures used were drawn by local primary school children. The second is a narrated film about the salmon scientific research carried out by both DAERA and AFBI throughout NI. It highlights the life cycle of the fish and some of the current management issues and what work is	Theme 1: Status of Salmon Theme 2: Salmon in a changing salmosphere Theme 3: New Frontiers Theme 4: Human Dimension		Decision makers Public	$\boxtimes$	05/00/2019	01/01/2021
being carried out to better understand these impacts. Both these films have now been completed and will be available on the DAERA website and will also be viewed in the R Bush	Theme 5: Information Systems		Children/Youth Knowledgeable public	$\boxtimes$		
information centre. Responsible body: DAERA	Outreach and Communications	$\boxtimes$				
The Portrush Coastal Zone Visitors Centre - The	Theme 1: Status of Salmon	$\boxtimes$			01/06/2019	30/09/2019
center is owned and run by DAERA Marine and Fisheries Division and housed in what was an old Victorian Bath House. It is located at the western end of	Theme 2: Salmon in a changing salmosphere					
the Causeway Coast Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty	Theme 3: New Frontiers					
(AONB), an area rich in natural and historical interest.	Theme 4: Human Dimension		Decision makers	$\boxtimes$		
The Centre provides information and interpretation on the marine and coastal environment and overlooks the	Theme 5: Information Systems		Public			
Skerries and Causeway Marine Special Area of Conservation (SAC). This SAC was the first marine protected area in the UK for harbour porpoise and these wonderful creatures can often be spotted from our	Outreach and Communications	$\boxtimes$	Children/Youth Knowledgeable public	$\boxtimes$		
viewing platform. As part of the IYS, visitors will be informed of the IYS and the status of salmon in NI and in the NE Atlantic Some IYS						

literature, pop up displays and other IYS branded goods will be available at the site.						
Responsible body: DAERA						
Exploris Aquarium - Exploris is Northern Ireland's only	Theme 1: <i>Status of Salmon</i>	$\boxtimes$			01/06/2019	31/12/2019
aquarium and they will have some juvenile salmon as part of their freshwater display for visitors to see as part of the IYS. The IYS pop up display will be present and visitors will be	Theme 2: Salmon in a changing salmosphere		Decision makers	$\boxtimes$		
informed of the IYS and the status of salmon in NI.	Theme 3: New Frontiers		Public	$\boxtimes$		
Responsible body: Exploris	Theme 4: Human Dimension		Children/Youth	$\boxtimes$		
Responsible bouy. Exploris	Theme 5: Information Systems		Knowledgeable public			
	Outreach and Communications	$\boxtimes$				
<b>Salmon in the classroom project</b> – This project involves	Theme 1: Status of Salmon				01/02/2019	31/05/2019
local primary school children getting involved in rearing salmon in the classroom to restock into their local rivers. The children also learn about the problems salmon face in the wild	Theme 2: Salmon in a changing salmosphere		Decision makers			
such as over fishing, environmental destruction and pollution. The programme ends with a visit to the River Bush Salmon	Theme 3: New Frontiers		Public			
hatchery to learn about the scientific research being undertaken there.	Theme 4: <i>Human Dimension</i> Theme 5: <i>Information</i>		Children/Youth	$\boxtimes$		
Responsible body: The Honourable The Irish Society, The Cutts, Coleraine	Systems		Knowledgeable public			
	Outreach and Communications	$\boxtimes$				
<b>Ballinderry Rivers Trust Facility</b> – The Ballinderry Rivers Trust facilitates many educational visits to the pearl mussel	Theme 1: Status of Salmon		Decision makers		01/05/2019	31/12/2019
project based on the Ballinderry river. As part of the IYS, visitors will be informed of the IYS and the status of salmon	Theme 2: Salmon in a changing salmosphere		Public	$\boxtimes$		
on the Ballinderry river and in the NE Atlantic Some IYS literature, pop up displays and other IYS branded goods will	Theme 3: New Frontiers		Children/Youth	$\boxtimes$		
be available at the site.	Theme 4: Human Dimension		Knowledgeable public	$\boxtimes$		
	Theme 5: Information			_		

<b>Responsible body: Ballinderry Rivers Trust</b>	Systems					
	Outreach and					
	Communications	$\boxtimes$				
Rivers Around the Corner	Theme 1: Status of Salmon	$\boxtimes$			20/09/2019	31/03/2020
School Engagement programme and conference aimed at highlighting the status of the salmon in the Loughs	Theme 2: Salmon in a changing salmosphere		Decision makers			
Agency areas of Foyle and Carlingford. The conference will be the culmination of outreach, engagement and	Theme 3: New Frontiers		Public			
education work undertaken by Loughs Agency staff in schools within each area in conjunction with the	Theme 4: <i>Human Dimension</i> Theme 5: <i>Information</i>	$\boxtimes$	Children/Youth			
Green/Eco-Schools projects.	Systems		Knowledgeable public			
Responsible body: Loughs Agency	Outreach and Communications	$\boxtimes$				
Catchment Connect	Theme 1: Status of Salmon	$\boxtimes$			01/05/2019	31/12/2019
A series of practical projects aimed at improving the ecological status, accessibility and the stakeholder	Theme 2: Salmon in a changing salmosphere	Ø	Decision makers			
engagement within Foyle and Carlingford.	Theme 3: New Frontiers					
As well as conservation, habitat enhancement and restoration works, the project will also include	Theme 4: Human Dimension		Public	$\boxtimes$		
stakeholder participation, skills development, workshops,	Theme 5: <i>Information</i>	_	Children/Youth	$\boxtimes$		
signage, access and infrastructure improvements. Rivers include: Roe, Derg, Culdaff, Clanrye, Whitewater, Foyle,	Systems		Knowledgeable public			
Faughan and Finn.	Outreach and Communications	$\boxtimes$				
Responsible body: Loughs Agency					01/06/2019	
Poster Commission –	Theme 1: Status of Salmon		Decision makers		01/06/2019	Click or tap to enter a date.
Creation of a large poster illustrating the life cycle of the salmon. Artwork will be bespoke and tell the story	Theme 2: Salmon in a changing salmosphere		Public	$\boxtimes$		
specific to the Foyle/Carlingford systems.	Theme 3: New Frontiers		Children/Youth	$\boxtimes$		
	Theme 4: Human Dimension					
	Theme 5: Information		Knowledgeable public			

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The poster will be distributed to all local schools and will	Systems					
be available at Loughs Agency/Riverwatch and external						
events.	Outreach and					
	Communications	$\boxtimes$				
Responsible body: Loughs Agency						
IYS – Science Projects	Theme 1: Status of Salmon	$\boxtimes$			05/04/2019	31/05/2019
	Theme 2: Salmon in a					
DAERA have commissioned scientific investigations to	changing salmosphere	$\boxtimes$				
focus on particular areas of concern in several	changing saimosphere					
catchments across N. Ireland. Previous telemetry work	Theme 3: New Frontiers					
was suggestive of fish passage concerns for downstream		_				
migrating Atlantic salmon smolts on the Clady river in	Theme 4: Human Dimension					
the Neagh/Bann catchment. A focused telemetry study is	Theme 5: Information					
underway in April/May 2019 to investigate the	Systems					
movement of salmon smolts around several key	Systems					
abstraction sites on the Clady river. A second	Outreach and					
investigation is focused on salmon smolt survival in	Communications	$\boxtimes$	Decision makers	$\boxtimes$		
Lower Lough Erne, previous research has indicated the	Communications					
<b>e</b>			Public	$\boxtimes$		
potential negative effects of predation and abstraction on						
this catchment (Kennedy et al., 2018). In 2019 a study			Children/Youth			
has been commissioned to further quantify the impact of						
predation in the lake by using novel acoustic 'predation'			Knowledgeable public			
tags. A third research objective for the DAERA area is to						
examine stock status and the impact of stock						
enhancement measures on the Glens of Antrim rivers. In						
recent years these Glens catchments have seen a more						
marked decline in salmon stocks than other areas of N.						
Ireland. DAERA have secured a new screw trap in 2019						
and this will be deployed on the Ballycastle river from						
2019 to secure biological data on the smolt run.						
2017 to secure biological data on the smolt full.						
Responsible body: DAERA / AFBI						