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In several fjords and coastal regions, mixed-stock fisheries have not been permitted for many years due to low management target attainment. However, restricted mixed-stock fisheries are still in operation in most fjords and along the Norwegian coast.

The regulation of these fisheries is based upon estimates of spawning target attainment of the stocks most likely to be exploited in the actual fjord or coastal region. In general, only bag nets and rod and line are allowed. In Finnmark County, however, bend nets are also permitted. In addition to restrictions on fishing gear, the main regulatory measures are length of fishing season and the number of fishing days per week. The previously adopted regulations for bag- and bend nets in the Tana fjord and coastal regions of Finnmark County came into force in 2018 as a result of the agreement for the river Tana.

875 fishermen participated in mixed-stock fisheries fjords and coastal regions in 2018. This is a four percent increase compared to 2017. Over all 900 bag nets and 411 bend nets were used. The total catch was 323 tonnes, an eleven percent increase from 2017. The catch increase was mainly in the southern and western parts of Norway. Even though the salmon catches in Finnmark County were five percent lower than in 2017, mixed-stock fisheries still are most extensive here, representing 40 percent of the fishermen, 50 percent of total gear and 40 percent of the total catches. No in-season measures in mixed stock fisheries were considered necessary in 2018. In 2018, 125 fishermen used the new system for electronic reporting of catches.