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### *Russian Federation contribution to NEAC Agenda item: Mixed-Stock Fisheries (MSFs) conducted by Members of the Commission*

Mixed-stock fisheries take place in Murmansk and Archangelsk regions in the White Sea. Coastal salmon fisheries in the Barents Sea are prohibited by Law. Over the past two decades the effort in commercial fisheries has been noticeably reduced. The coastal catches decreased from over 100 tonnes in the 1980s to 50 tonnes in the 1990s. Since 2007, the total declared coastal catches in the White Sea have been around 30 tonnes (Figure).

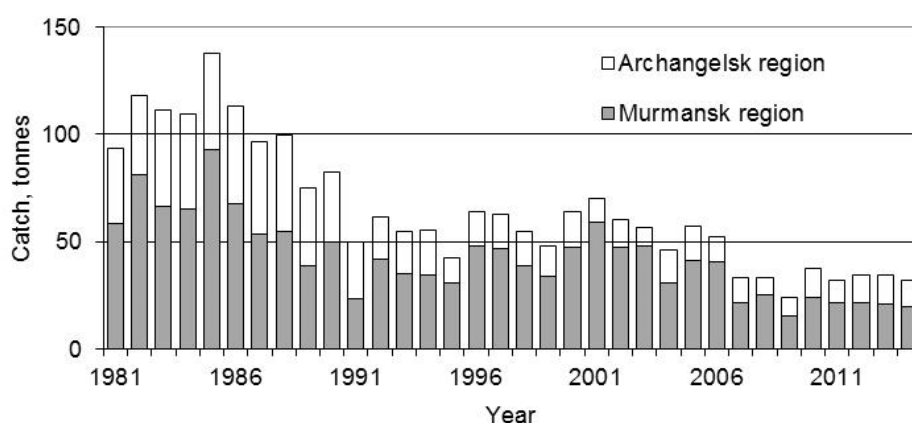


Figure. Commercial coastal catches of Atlantic salmon in the White Sea in 1981-2014 by region (in tonnes round fresh weight).

In 2014, the total declared catch of Atlantic salmon taken in the coastal areas was 32.9 t (Table): 19.4 t were declared in Murmansk region and 12.6 t in Archangelsk region.

Table. Nominal catches of Atlantic salmon in Russia in 2013-2014 (in tonnes round fresh weight).

	In-river	Estuarine	Coastal	Total
Provisional nominal catch (which may be subject to revision) for 2014	48.3	0	32.9	81.1
Confirmed nominal catch of salmon for 2013	41.8	0	35.7	77.5

Nowadays the commercial coastal salmon fishery in Russia is viewed more as a social measure – a traditional way of fishing by local people from Pomor villages along the White Sea coast.