



North-East Atlantic Commission

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In the Russian Federation, mixed-stock salmon fisheries are conducted in Murmansk and Archangelsk regions in the White Sea only. Coastal salmon fisheries in the Barents Sea are prohibited by the Fishing Regulations for the Northern Fisheries basin (order of the Ministry of Agriculture No. 414, 30.10.2014).

Commercial, recreational and indigenous salmon fisheries are allowed at fishing sites only. A catch limit for anadromous fishes is established annually on a region-by-region basis by the Federal Agency for Fisheries. A regional catch limit is allocated to commercial, recreational and indigenous fisheries by the Regional Commissions on Regulation of Harvesting the Anadromous Fish.

A Regional Directorate of the Federal Agency for Fisheries is responsible for issuing licenses to users of fishing sites in accordance with a catch limit allocated by a Regional Commission on Regulation of Harvesting the Anadromous Fish. Users of fishing sites are obliged to report catches to a Regional Directorate of the Federal Agency for Fisheries twice a month. Once the allocated catch limit is fished, the fishery must be closed.

Over the past three decades the effort in coastal fisheries in the White Sea has been noticeably reduced. The coastal catches decreased from over 100 tonnes in the 1980s to around 50 tonnes in the 1990s. Over the past 9 years the total declared coastal catches in the White Sea have fluctuated around 30 tonnes (Figure).

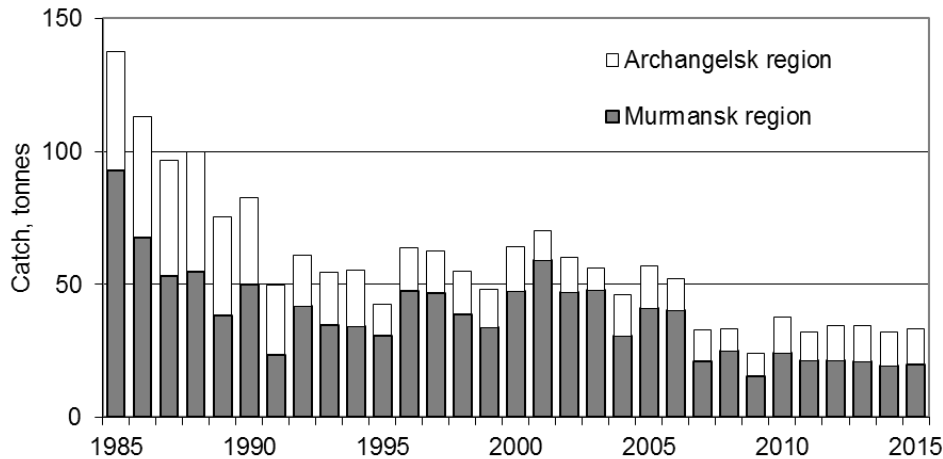


Figure. Commercial coastal catches of Atlantic salmon in the White Sea in 1985-2015 by region (in tonnes round fresh weight).

In 2015 the total declared catch of Atlantic salmon taken in coastal areas of the White Sea was 33.9t (Table): 19.9t were declared in Murmansk region and 13.2t in Archangelsk region.

Table. Nominal catches of Atlantic salmon in Russia in 2014-2015 (in tonnes round fresh weight).

Provisional nominal catch (which may be subject to revision) for 2015	In-river	Estuarine	Coastal	Total
	46.3	0.0	33.9	80.2
Confirmed nominal catch of salmon for 2014	48.3	0.0	32.9	81.1

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.