

WGC(19)07

Exchange of information between the United States and Denmark (in respect of the Faroe Islands and Greenland) in relation to paper WGC(19)05

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1. Clarification of fishery information: *dates of the 2018 fishery and landings reported at the time the fishery was closed*

With respect to the progress and management of the 2018 West Greenland fishery, we note the following from reports submitted:

- WGC(19)04 stated that the 2018 fishery ran from 15 August - 31 October and 26.8 t were registered at the end of the season
- ICES stated that the 2018 fishery ran from August 15 to October 31 and one month after the season had ended only 18.4t had been registered
- WGC(19)05 stated that the fishery was closed on 19th of October with 29.8 tonnes (33.2 tonnes live weight) recorded

We understand there can be difficulties in keeping track of salmon landings on a daily/weekly basis, especially given the varied reporting mechanisms and infrastructure which you identified in WGC(19)05 and plan to consolidate in 2019. Given the discrepancies from the various documents noted above, however, we would be grateful if you could clarify the timeline of the fishery, reported landings, and follow-up campaign so it is clear to all WGC members what happened in 2018.

2. Reporting of landings data to NASCO and ICES: *whole (live) weight vs gutted weight*

As we understand it, Greenland reports its landings data to ICES as whole (i.e., live) weight.

- Our understanding from ICES is that since 2005, it has been mandatory to report gutted weights, and the gutted weights are converted to whole weight using a conversion multiplier of 1.11.
 - Can you confirm that our understanding is correct and that the landings reported to ICES and NASCO are whole weights equivalents?

3. Column headings

Can you please confirm that the column headings in Table 2 of WGC(19)05 are as follows:

1. Year
2. Commercial fishermen - # of licenses
3. Commercial fishermen - # reporting
4. Commercial fishermen - % reporting
5. Commercial fishermen - kg reported
6. Private fishermen - # of licenses
7. Private fishermen - # reporting
8. Private fishermen - % reporting
9. Private fishermen - kg reported
10. Total - # of licenses
11. Total - # reporting
12. Total Catch - kg reported

Response to the US on questions in relation to WGC(19)05

Below the Government of Greenland's response to United States Questions and Requests in response to WGC(19)05 has been outlined.

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1. Clarification of fishery information: dates of the 2018 fishery and landings reported at the time the fishery was closed

- The Salmon fishery in 2018 was closed on 31th October. The private fishery segment was closed on 19th October, but the entire fishery was closed on 31th October.

The landings reported at the time of the closure of the fishery was 18.4 tons, during the follow-up campaign additional reports which had been registered within the season but not added at the time was found. So with those reports included by the end of the season, the catch was 29.8 tons.

Then including the new reports that was submitted after the letter-campaign and press release, the final catch was 40.513 tons.

These reports were added after the ICES working paper was completed, the number will be corrected at the next ICES working group meeting. Here it is important to note that the statistics used in the ICES working paper is based on date of capture reported and not on the date when GFLK received the reports.

2. Reporting of landings data to NASCO and ICES: whole (live) weight vs gutted weight

All landings of all species, including salmon is in official statistics converted and reported to ICES in whole weight. All landings are commonly registered as 'landed weight', i.e. the weight of the product, when the fish is gutted or filleted. In order to convert the number to 'live weight' the reportings are multiplied by 1.11. However, concerning salmon, the weight may in some instances be reported in live weight and not as landed weight. This can thus lead to an overestimate as all reportings are multiplied by 1.11 and reporting of landed weight and live weight cannot be differentiated from one another.

3. Column headings

- Yes, we can confirm that.